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Maxwell victims given £2.5m help

# Lilley launches review of UK pension schemes

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government yester-day pledged £2.5 million to help to ease the plight of Maxwell pensioners and announced a thorough review of Britain's 400,000 occupational pension schemes in an attempt to prevent a repetition of the

Peter Lilley, social security secretary, also told the Commons that his department would set up a special unit to speed up the return of assets" taken by Robert Maxwell from his company pension funds. "Rarely in the catalogue of crime has there been a fraud as callous and despicable as the pillaging of pension funds by Robert Maxwell," he said.

Inspectors have been ap pointed by the trade and industry department to investigate the sale of the

### UN plan to free airport

The United Nations Sec-retary General yesterday proposed sending 1,000 peacekeepers to secure Sarajevo airport for humanitarian flights and said he hoped eventually to place the whole of the embattled Bosnian capital under UN

The proposal came as rebel Serbs devastated Saraievo with heavy shelling, leaving a trail of destruction in the city but Muslim and Croat defenders hit back hard for the first time Letters, page 13

### Death crash driver accused

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The driver of an articulated lorry may have been asleep when he crashed at 65mph into a queue of traffic on the M42, killing six people, it was alleged at Birmingham crown court yesterday. Vincent Par-sons, 26, of Newport, Gwent, denies charges of causing death by reckless .... Page 3

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### Nadir cleared

A judge at Birmingham Crown Court has dismissed the bulk of the theft charges brought against Asil Nadir, the former chairman of Polly Peck International, the collapsed fresh fruit, hotels electronics ...... Page 17

### Slimline race

The Formula One motor racing teams have decided to make radical changes to the rules governing the world championship next season. Starting with the first grand prix of 1993. all the cars will be narrower and run on slimmer wheels and tyres. Page 34

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Mirror Group Newspapers shares in 1991 and a special unit has been set up in the social security department to retrieve £350 million of miss-

Opposition MPs described the emergency fund as "derisory" and said it would not cover all pensioners who needed help. Maxwell pen-sioners who lobbied Parliament yesterday said that they were bitterly disappointed. There were 25,000 pensioners who would not be affected by the scheme.

The money will be paid to about 6,000 pensioners over the next six months and will be allocated to pension funds which were plundered by Robert Maxwell and are un-

able to maintain payments.

The recipients will include
240 members of the Headington Pension Plan who
have not been paid for two months and over 4,000 pensioners in the Maxwell Works Communication Scheme who were to have their payments reduced by 70 per cent next

The new unit will decide which schemes need urgent help but it will be up to each fund's trustees to decide how the cash is allocated to their pensioners. The government expects to recoup the cash once the missing money has been found. In the longer term the unit will also set up a trust for voluntary contribu-

tions from the private sector.
In a Commons statement
Mr Lilley confirmed that an
independent committee was to be set up to review pension legislation, chaired by Professor Roy Goode, professor of English law at Oxford University. The year-long enquiry will examine the rights and interests of scheme members, pensioners and employers. It will also consider the status of pension funds and the roles of trustees, fund managers and

pension scheme advisers. Mr Lilley made clear that the government did not take responsibility for what had nappened to thousands of pensioners and would not offer full compensation as they had in the Barlow Clowes affair. "No government could accept a duty to make good losses resulting

from fraud or theft of sav-ings," he said. The govern-ment would not offer an

from others to contribute. He pointed out that financial institutions who had profited handsomely" from dealings with Maxwell companies "may well feel some moral obligation to assist the pensioners who have so cruelly lost at Maxwell's hands".

There was a gap of £350 which were secure in the various Maxwell pension schemes and their liabilities to present and future pen-sioners, said Mr Lilley. About £100 million given to banks and financial institutions were locked in the Common Investment Fund while the courts decided how these should be allocated. The emergency scheme would op-erate until these assets had

been released, said Mr Lilley Urged by MPs to put furbanks to return the assets Mr Lilley said: "I have no doubt they are paying close atten-

Michael Meacher, shadow social security spokesman, dismissed the £2.5 million as "a derisory half a per cent of the stolen assets." He condemned the sum as "insultingly meagre" compared to the £160 million paid to Bar-low Clowes shareholders, who he said had chosen to risk their cash for profit. Mr Meacher, who said the

one-year period for the pension review was far too long, said yesterday's mass lobby of Parliament by Maxwell pensioners and today's Opposithe social security department out of a six-month stupor.

Ken Trench, chairman of the 32,000-strong Maxwell Pensioners Action Group said: "I am tremendously disappointed with the whole statement. I feel it hasn't taken the situation any further at

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### **Tories rethink treaty** as rebellion grows

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to back an addition to the Maastricht treaty amid evidence of growing Conservative hostility, extending to members of the cabinet, to ratifying it in its present form.

As Kenneth Baker, the for-mer home secretary, joined the ranks of those calling for changes, it emerged that two cabinet ministers, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo, had attended a private meeting of Euro-sceptic ministers last week on the way forward in the wake of the Danish referendum. They were among a group of about a dozen who signalled to the prime minister their hope that the treaty would be ditched.

The government yesterday indicated that it has aban-

doned hope of bringing back the treaty ratification bill before the summer recess and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, rejected demands for renegotiation.

It emerged that Britain, in an attempt to rescue the European Community from the confusion created by the ref-erendum, is backing the idea of a new protocol for the treaty, spelling out curbs on the powers of Brussels. The aim would be to convince doubters in Denmark, Britain and other Community countries that the ambitions of the European Commission Continued on page 16, col 2

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### London bombing admitted by IRA

By Paul Wilkinson AND STEWART TENDLER

THE IRA yesterday claimed responsibility for the explosion outside the Royal Festivai Hall early on Sunday, but remained silent about any links to the I rish gunmen who left one North Yorkshire constable dead and a second

seriously wounded. The IRA made its claim as searches continued in North Yorkshire close to the area round Burton Salmon and Monk Fryston, near the wood where the Sierra was found burnt out. At one point last night armed officers sealed off the tiny village of Poole for more than two hours and an Army bomb disposal team was brought in by helicopter to check an empty barn. After a search the barn was reported to safe and unconnected

with the gunmen. Poole is only a mile from the wood where the gunmen's red Sierra car was found burnt out on Sunday morn-ing after Glenn Goodman, a special constable, was shot dead and his colleague Sandy Kelly left seriously wounded. A police patrol car which gave chase was also immobilised by the gunmen with a burst of Continued on page 16, col 4

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# Watchdog criticises papers for 'intrusive' royal reports

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent am sure many people will welcome today's statement by

INTRUSIVE and speculative reporting about the Prince and Princess of Wales' marriage was criticised yesterday by the Press Complaints Commission.

It said such reporting was "an odious exhibition of journalists dabbling their fingers in the stuff of other people's souls in a manner which adds nothing to legitimate public interest in the situation of the heir to the throne".

The commission's condemnation of such "prurient reporting" in some sections of the press came as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, assailed the media for their growing ten-dency to intrude insensitively into the private lives of public figures. "The current speculation about intimate personal



matters has exceeded the boundaries which should be observed in a society claiming to respect basic human values," the archbishop said.

Dr Carey joined the commission in voicing concern about the effect the past week's reporting would have on Prince William and Prince Harry. The commission said the allegations contained in Andrew Morton's book serialised in The Sunday Times and widely reported by most other newspapers only added to the burdens borne by the royal children and greatly increased the difficulties for members of the royal family in carrying out their public duties".

The commission, chaired by Lord McGregor of Durris, said it was distressed by what it saw as a reversion by some newspapers to the worst ex-cesses of the 1980s. Frequently, the manner and tone of the reporting of the royal couple's private lives "beyond doubt" had been in breach of the newspapers' code of practice, it said. The commission gave a warning that the continuance of this type of journalism would threaten the future of newspaper self-regulation just at a time when it appeared to be succeeding.

David Mellor, the national heritage secretary responsible for the government's forthcoming review of press selfregulation, last night supported the commission. "I

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mission. The government will

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# Going native on a crash diet of Rio greens

FIRST it was the Dalai Lama, photographed with feather-festooned Kayapo Indians. Then the director of the US Environment Protection Agency, Bill Reilly, went native and told President Bush he was not green enough. And at the weekend Michael Howard, evironment secretary, was humbled by the vast stretches of rain forest and turned green. Now, it seems, Baroness Chalker has got Rio

In simpler times it was the Copacabana beach and its legendary, leggy ladies with their minimal bikinis that seduced visitors. These days nobody is immune from the effects of Rio de Janeiro's depleted ozone layer.

The moment the Sugar Loaf comes in sight normally intelligent, coher-ent people begin babbling eco-speak. Suddenly Mr Howard is full of buzz

phrases like "global assets", and Mr Reilly is transformed into the kind of public relations officer most non-governmental organizations can only dream of. Have they been reduced to incoherence by the Girl from Ipanema, the brilliance of Pele or the sound of the samba?

Yesterday, it was Lady Chalker's turn to fall out with head office. Deftly making John Major's position even more delicate than it already was, she called for more British aid for the world's poor. That was pre-cisely what the Third World Rio summiteers wanted to hear and they pounced, pledging to hold the lady to her word.

Mr Reilly, the United States' chief negotiator, provided the first signs of the greening of the West. He appealed to the president to permit a softening of the American position to permit a US signature on the biodiv-

ersity convention, which is designed to protect animal and plant species against further depredation. America's Third World critics. Brazil included, even suggested to Mr Reilly a series of linguistic fixes that would make agreement possible.

Someone back in Washington (vice-president Dan Quayle, according to rumour) was furious at this sleight of hand and leaked Mr Reilly's White House memo on the subject to the press.

Then came Mr Howard, Normally sceptical of eco-speak, he seemed unusually ready to open his cheque book in the Green cause. Seated at a table cut from a single piece of wood, he sounded politically correct rather than Thatcherite. remarking to the governor of Amazonas that he thought it possible to "meet your needs in a way that takes account of With Jerry Brown, Shirley MacLaine, John Denver and Bianca Jagger, more than 100 presidents, prime ministers, sultans and kings in attendance there seems no end to the impact of the Rio Effect. Many of the pro-green protesters, however, seem to have a secret agenda. Why else

to have a secret agenda. Why eise would there protest marches be staged along the Copacabana Beach? How Rio fever will influence Mr Major is hard to predict. Already the boy from Brixton is booked into Rio's most glamorous hotel, the Copacabana Palace. Breakfast there, we are told will consist of panayas and are told, will consist of papayas and other strange and exotic fruit noted for their rich, green skins. Who knows, a visit to Rio might rid

Mr Major of his grey image.

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Future uncertain: pensioners from Maxwell companies applaud a speaker at a rally at Westminster Central Hall yesterday after lobbying Parliament

parliament, has been pushing the government for great-

er protection for pensioners for over a year. His commit-

tee had already launched an

After the discovery that

more than £400 million had

been plundered from Max-

well pension funds, the select

committee called the Max-

well sons, Kevin and Ian, to

give evidence, ensuring pub-

licity for the pensioners'

plight. The report was highly critical of the self-regulatory

systems controlling pension

funds and urged a review of

The all-party group's first

pension legislation.

occupational pensions enqui ry when Maxwell died.

# Pensions rescue is a victory for all-party group of MPs

THE government's change of mind on giving financial help to thousands of Maxwell pensioners is due largely to increased pressure in recent weeks from an all-party group

Richard Page, Tory MP for Hertfordshire South West, decided to set up the group shortly after the general election and asked Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, to join him. They galvanised about 100 MPs, including five or six ministers, who had Maxwell pensioners in their

Mr Page said that his ac-

PETER Cornell tilted his

placard at the passing traffic,

hoping that it might catch

the attention of a minister.

'If we sing like a canary, will

He was doubtful that they

would appreciate his hum-

our. He is now 70 years old,

with 20 years of paying into the pension fund of a small

Avlesbury book binding firm

long behind him. He never

imagined he would be queu-

ing outside the Palace of

Westminster in an effort to

He, like hundreds of others

who joined a rally of Maxwell

pensioners and lobbied their

MPs yesterday, had little

idea whether he would ever

again receive his pension "It

was £108 a month. At our age

we don't want to start draw-

ing on capital and with inter-

secure his pension.

**Jill Sherman** on how pressure from the Commons led to yesterday's announcement of help for Maxwell's victims

the plight of his constituents. am just next to Watford where hundreds of pensioners found that the money they were getting was runnning out." He asked for a Commons debate or statement back in February but none was forthcoming.

Going from door to door during the election campaign, he became even more aware of pensioners' grievances. "When we got back to tion had been prompted by the Commons still nothing

By LIN JENKINS

est rates falling we are not

getting as much as we were.

The aim of the demonstra-

tors was to direct their anger,

frustration and shock to-

wards a government that

they believe has failed to en-

sure that their money was

protected from the late Rob-

Despite a plea from the

platform at the rally in West-

minster Central Hall not to

engage in mud-slinging

when talking to their MPs,

the biggest cheer of the day rang out when someone re-

ferred to "one selfish, greedy,

had access to money since

the fraud was discovered on

Maxwell's death, that Ian

Maxwell was planning to be-

come an investment consul-

Reports that the family

ert Maxwell.

odious thief".

It is a terrible business.'

happened. I thought blow this for a game of soldiers, I better do something.

"I circulated a whole lot of Tory MPs to see if they were interested in coming along to a meeting on Maxwell, and then thought I should make it cross party, so I asked Frank if he would co-chair the group, so that we could get the Labour MPs on board." Mr Field, who chaired the Commons social security select committee in the last

meeting of more than 70 MPs was hastily convened on Victims voice anxieties May 12 off Westminister Hall. The following week Mr Page and Mr Field met Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, and asked him to set tant in America, and that Elizabeth Maxwell paid up a drip fund to protect the E900,000 towards her sons' pension funds that were runlegal fees were received with ning out of money. Mr Lilley anger and bewilderment. Mary Canavan has supstonewalled their calls for financial help arguing that the banks should be pressed to ported her nine-year-old return the missing assets. daughter since her husband

died seven years ago aged 36. Her payments of £264.50 a month have stopped. He was acutely aware, however, of an imminent report about the Investment Man-Reginald Pettit, from Toragement Regulatory Organbay in Devon, sold his home isation, which was expected in order to live after being to be highly critical. With made redundant. Now aged growing pressure from the 60 he had applied to draw his all-party group, two pension-ers' lobbies at Westminster pension early only to be told that he could not, and that and the Labour debate on the there would be no pension. Maxwell pensioners called for 'I'm not an old gentleman, today, Mr Lilley decided it but this is making me old. was time to act. The one investment you expect to be safe is your pen-

Rescue scheme, page 1 Leading article, page 13 row is already 21st in the

# Airports plan to double space given to shops

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent.

BRITAIN'S leading airports, already with more retail outlets than one side of Oxford Street, plan to cash in on air passengers' seemingly insatiable demand for last minute bargains by doubling the amount of space allocated to shopping.

In the coming year BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, expects to earn more from its shops than from the charges it levies on airlines to use Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow

"Passengers like to shop at airports," said Sir John Egan, BAA chief executive. "Our research has shown that shoes are especially popular and Bally, for example, now sells more shoes per square foot in Heathrow than it does in any of its other shops in Britain." Shirts, ties, chemists goods and luxury items are also high on the list of priorities for the itinerant visitor to airports. There are 350 shops in Oxford Street or 175 a

side. BAA has 180. As a result of the surge in airport spending - up 10 per cent last year despite the recession - BAA plans to open another 90 retail shops and 100 restaurants this year.

The drive to boost income from shopping stems from a complicated pricing formula imposed on BAA by the Civil Aviation Authority which forces them to cut charges to Pensions lifeline, page 12 | airlines in real terms. Heath-

league table of 40 airports whose charges have been tabulated by consultants Travers Morgan.Gatwick is 27th. Within the next three years, said Sir John, Britain would be the cheapest country in the world to land a jet except for a few in the third

Income from shops is not, however, affected by the formula and many of the leading High Street retailers have now been persuaded to rent floor space in both the eas. Research has proved that returning foreign visitors make up the bulk of the customers at airport shops. Japanese spend on average ten times as much as any other nationality with the Swedes and the Irish also among the keenest buyers. BAA's 72 million passen-

gers spend, on average, £6 each in the airport shops.

CORRECTION In our report (June 2) of the Lord Chief Justice's proposals on sentencing of reckless drivers we referred to the tragic deaths of Darryl Coppin and Lisa Morrell and stated that relatives had stormed the dock when the driver was sentenced. In fact, neither Mr nor Mrs Coppin was present in court and did not storm the dock then or at any other time. We apologise for any distress and embarrassment

this may have caused:

age. Mr Walton said: "Sky News, and increasingly ITN, are going beyond the 'Fleet Street at its worst' line to resort to tabloid reporting techniques. They have even begun to doorstep royals." But David Mannion, editor of ITN output on ITV, denied that ITN had resorted to knocking on doors over the Princess of Wales allegations. "As journalists we are always interested in scoops. But we do not regard it as part of our

ITN led its Saturday night bulletin with the suicide and bulimia allegations when the BBC chose to ignore it altogether. The BBC mentioned the story briefly on Friday

The Independent, which as a matter of policy gives only the briefest coverage of royal stories, yesterday finally felt compelled to speculate on its front page about the implica-

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Camps divided as pupils sit tests

Ministers rallied to the defence of new national curriculum tests yesterday as half a million 14-year-olds faced the first pilot round of examinations for their age category and teaching unions warned that the tests were pointless and

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said that the pencil and paper tests were a 30-year step into the past. "The practical side — so important in science — has been ignored. The introduction of these pilot tests has been a catalogue of woe". The science curriculum, he said, had been changed eight times and schools had received three different

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said that the tests were "a massive, stressful exercise of dubious validity", which would be even less acceptable next year, as the number of subjects taken increased. "Students will be expected to sit 21-24 hours of exams which is more than you'd expect from a finals

John Patten, the education secretary, speaking on Radio 4's Today programme, said of Mr Sutton's comments. "They are irresponsible because 14-year-olds pay attention to the media and their attitude to these tests may be undermined on this of all days when they are taking them. Parents might have expected support for their children. I am

Parents might have expected support for their children. I am sure that most teachers are doing just that and will condemn this antiquated and luddite trade union outburst.

More than 80 per cent of state schools have entered pupils for the tests, which are not yet compulsory, although about 50 per cent of independent schools did not participate. Candidates sat examinations in science yesterday, to be followed by mathematics today. Fourteen-year-olds will next

year face compulsory tests in both subjects and in English.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, denied that schools were regretting their participation in the trial tests. "What we are finding is that the children take these tests in their stride and, indeed, the teachers are learning quite a lot

### Halford says officer provoked argument

Alison Halford, one of Britain's most senior woman police officers, said yesterday that a fellow assistant chief constable had deliberately started an argument with her to block her promotion chances. She said that Emie Miller, in charge of crime in the Merseyside force where she was head of complaints and discipline, had sworn at her in 1989 during an argument over an investigation into the death of a

gunman in a police chase.

Miss Halford, 52, is claiming before a Manchester industrial tribunal that while seeking promotion she was discriminated against by the Merseyside chief constable James Sharples; the regional inspector of constabulary; the home secretary and Northamptonshire police authority.

A few weeks before her argument with Mr Miller, she had been told in an interview with HM Inspectorate of Constabulary that she would not win promotion without an unequivocally good recommendation from her chief constable "and any row would stop that from happening". She said that the investigation that caused the dispute had nothing to do with Mr Miller but "I now suspect . . . he was beginning to go out of his way to make trouble for me knowing that would be a bar to further promotion. I didn't have rows with my colleagues. It seemed very coincidental that this should happen." The tribunal continues today.

### Printer 'ruined firm'

A printer who thought that his employers were trying to avoid paying him £2,000 he believed he was owed hacked into the firm's computer and disabled the machine, Southwark Crown Court, south London was told yesterday. Richard Goulden, 35, a freelance typesetter, of Uxbridge, west London, who had used a password that only he knew, refused to free the computer until the firm. Ampersand Typesetting Ltd. of Camden, north London, had paid up. The company refused and, after allegedly losing more than £36,000 of business because it did not have access to tion claims that Mr Goulden's action contributed to the bankruptcy. Mr Goulden denies illegal modification of computer material under the 1990 Computer Misuse Act.

X-ray vision improved
An X-ray machine which, it is claimed, can detect with the greatest accuracy bombs and weapons hidden in luggage was shown at an international security conference at the Royal Society in London yesterday. Engineers from Nottingham Polytechnic have taken advanced imageprocessing methods to bridge the gulf between what an Xray scanner sees and what a human eye can distinguish by. for example, removing some shades of grey so that the boundaries between shades and shapes become sharper. The device, developed after a request by customs and excise officials for a better method of screening for drugs, has been developed by engineers at Nottingham. The scanner can be added to existing X-ray equipment, which should mean that the machine is cheap and easily installed.

### Joint coal bid proposed



A miners' union leader suggested yesterday that his members might link with colliery managers to stage a buy-out of British Coal. The Union of Democratic Mineworkers plans to submit two bids — one for the whole coal industry and another just for Midlands pits. Roy Lynk. left, the union president, told the group's annual conference in Weymouth that he saw no problem in working with the British Association of Colliery Managers which is also interested in bidding.

### Nuisance neighbour

David Linley, 47, reduced at least one neighbour to a nervous wreck in a six-year campaign of attrition and was arrested for his own protection. Swindon magistrates were told yesterday. Margaret Brown said that Mr Linley. unemployed, complained about noise from her budgerigars. told her son she was a whore and photographed her as she hung out washing. Sgt Thomas Stevens said: "I formed the opinion that Mr Linley was a nuisance and he was causing distress to Mrs Brown and her neighbours. I thought that someone would go and thump him. I believed that if I did not arrest him, there would have been a breach of the peace." Mr Linley claimed that police had persuaded Mrs Brown to complain, but the case against him was found proven. He was bound over to keep the peace for 18 months.

### Detective beaten up

A detective sergeant from Scotland Yard's flying squad was beaten with an iron bar in an attack by four car thieves. The 34-year-old officer suffered a fractured skull. He was off duty when he approached two of the men after seeing them tampering with a car in the Rushborn area of Woburn Green, Buckinghamshire. As he spoke to them their accomplices crept up on him from behind, pulled his jacket over his head and beat him about the head and body. Thames Valley Police said: "He has been taken to hospital for treatment and has been detained.

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### Media divides as it chases after the royal ratpack issue as a way of enabling us broadsheets with royal coverways use the facts the next day ton's forthcoming book-

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE row over allegations in Andrew Morton's book about riage has brought to the fore not only the tensions and rivalries within the tabloid ratpack, but also those between tabloids and broadsheets, and broadsheets and

Television journalists have never resorted to the tactics of the tabloid correspondents for "exclusives" about the private lives of the royal family. Yet rarely have they failed to report such royal scoops true or untrue - once screaming tabloid headlines have put them in the public domain. Circulation wars, ratpack

behaviour, questions of taste and decency and debate about what is "in the public interest" have long provided useful backdrops for reporting in full the sensational allegations carried in tabloid royal reports. Both broadsheet newspa-

pers and television news bulletins have always left the dirty work - doorstepping. chequebook journalism and extensive reliance on telepho-

counterparts. But neither broadsheers nor broadcasters have shrunk from disparaging such prurient tabloid journalism as a "news peg" to justify repeating in full those

very allegations. That it was a broadsheet, The Sunday Times, that broke the story through its

THE following is the entire

text of the statement issued

by the Press Complaints

Commission on the recent

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Princess of Wales:

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press. "The broadsheets alserialisation of Andrew Mor-

come cause for lengthy comment that The Sunday Times has itself become a tabloid by indulging in such palace

speculation.

"It's just sour grapes." said
Ashley Walton, royal
ratpacker for the Daily Ex-

are affected and greatly in-

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members of the royal family

in carrying out their obliga-

tions to the public.
"The state of the marriage

has been put into the public domain in part at least by the

outward behaviour of the

spouses and it is therefore a

legitimate subject within the

public interest for report and

comment by the press. As the

industry's own code of prac-

tice affirms, the manner in

which information is report-

ed and the tone in which it is

discussed often matter as

much as the substance of the

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stories themselves.

sion, but it seems we have no

right to expect it to be pro-

tected from thieves." he said.

but feel justified in doing it only by sneering at the tabloids." Yesterday the ratpack

found an unlikely ally in the editor of BBC Television news programmes, who criticised such broadsheet double standards. Peter Bell said: "The BBC is determined not to

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to repeat at length allegations on private lives we cannot substantiate."

Until ITN stunned royal observers last May by broadcasting pictures of the princess swimming during her trip to Cairo, taken from a high rise building, television news bulletins have tended to be more restrained than the

Commission condemns intrusion

the press. If it fails, we recommend that a statutory system for handling complaints should be introduced.

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Death crash lorry driver may have been asleep

**BY CRAIG SETON** 

THE driver of an articulated lorry may have been asleep when he crashed at 65mph into a queue of traffic on the M42, killing six people, it was alleged at Birmingham crown court yesterday.

Vincent Parsons, 26, of Claremont, Newport, Gwent. denies six charges of causing death by reckless driving in November 1990.

He had about 20 seconds to bring his lorry to a halt or change lane - but his foot never left the accelerator as it ploughed into ten vehicles, causing several to burst into flames, the court was told. Christopher Hotten, for the

prosecution, said that Mr Parsons' lorry was carrying 20 tonnes of steel bars on the northbound carriageway of the motorway when it ap-proached a traffic tailback several hundred yards long caused by roadworks at junc-tion six, near Birmingham.

"His foot never left the accelerator," he said. "He did not swerve or change lane. He continued at 65mph straight into the rear of the queue. What followed was

### Woman says love drove her to kill

By RICHARD DUCE

A WOMAN soldier told a court yesterday that her love for an army captain was like a drug addiction and drove her to kill his wife.

Susan Christie, 23, a Greenfinch in the Ulster Defence Regiment, said that she saw Penny McAllister, 24, as a victim of her affair with Captain Duncan McAllister of the Royal Signals. She admits slitting her throat as they walked together in a forest near Ballynahinch, co.

"I would say that I killed the larm Amperial her for Duncan, I mean to get Duncan for myself," Christie told Downpatrick Crown Court. "She was never hostile. the man always so nice to

they at manufactured. Christie denies murder. Her defence is that she had a psychiatric disorder and was of diminished responsibility at the time of the killing. The and a state of walking prosecution has refused to some fraction of bands accept her plea of guilty to

that the christie, who says that she was a virgin until her affair with Captain McAllister, said that her love for him was "like a drug you can't do without". She said that she had confronted him, believing that she was pregnant, and he had replied that he would deny being the father and would never leave beauty never leave his wife.

"I was very much in love with him. He was all I ever thought about. At the time I thought he was in love with me," she said.

Peter Smith, QC, who yesterday opened Christie's de-fence, told the jury: "At the time of the killing she was suffering a mental abnormality which the defence say you will be satisfied substantially impaired her sense of responto call two psychiatrists. sibility." The defence intends The trial continues today. involved, including Mr Parsons', and several were engulfed in flames." The court heard that three

carnage. Eleven vehicles were

of the six victims of the crash were burnt beyond recognition and the carriageway was closed for many hours, but Mr Parsons was able to walk away. Mr Hotten said that Mr Parsons took his attention away from the road for one of several possible reasons: he was tired and lost concentra-

tion; or he fell asleep.

Another lorry driver, Andrew Parkinson, told the court that he did not see Mr Parsons apply his brakes once before the crash, which had happened on a clear day and in dry conditions. Mr Parkin-son said he was travelling in the second lane when he saw a van with its hazard warning lights flashing. He had slowed down. He added: "The lony just kept going. I expected him to pull out, but

he kept going."

The six who died were
Justyn Mantle, of Stourbridge, West Midlands; Robert Hodgson, of Sheldon, Birmingham; David Giles, a sales manager, of Tamworth, Staffordshire; Patrick Crozier-Cole, of Salishury, Wittshire; Michael Sparkes, of Claverdon, Warwickshire, and Lee Jephcott, of Middle Tysoe, Warwickshire.

Alan Russell, from South Narmanton, Derby, said that

Normanton, Derby, said that after the crash he saw a lorry on top of a car which had been waiting behind his vehi-cle. He told the court that the lorry's driver, who was trying to get out of his cab, had said: 'Oh my God, what have I done?" and burst into tears.

Donald Moseley, from Rugeley, Staffordshire, was a passenger in a car driven by David Giles, who died in the crash. "Other cars pulled up behind us. The next thing I remember was being trapped in the burning car. I was rescued and taken away from the car before it exploded," he

The trial continues today.



On guard: a police marksman at the scene of the Yorkshire attack yesterday

# Police hunt for clues to IRA Yorkshire attack

The shooting of two Yorkshire policemen has activated national anti-terrorism machinery, Stewart Tendler writes

SPECIAL computer lines were humming yesterday between North Yorkshire police and the anti-terrorist branch high in Scotland Yard as details of the latest IRA attack were fed to a special data bank. State-ments and information gathered in Yorkshire will be matched against details of over 30 other incidents in the IRA's present mainland

campaign. The link was set up as part of national machinery for handling terrorist inci-dents, which came into operation within hours of the shooting of two policemen in North Yorkshire. Com-mander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the antiterrorist branch and national anti-terrorist co-ordinator, can be called in by local forces to advise on investigations and the search of a bomb scene.

The force at the centre of the incident remains responsible for investigations. It works alongside the Yard, and, if small, can also borrow officers from neighbouring forces for large operations such as searches. West Yorkshire has already offered manpower to its smaller neighbour.

The Association of Chief Police Officers maintains a terrorism committee under the chairmanship of Brian Johnson, chief constable of Lancashire, the association's current president. The committee meets quarterly to co-ordinate strategy, and members are likely in-formally to discuss the North Yorkshire shooting at a national Acpo conference starting tomorrow.

The issue for chief consta-

bles and the Yard is what the two men were doing in Yorkshire and why were they so determined not to be stopped. The men may have been visiting an arms dump in the area. Explosives were found hidden near Scarborough two years ago shortly before a Conservative conference. The fact that the men set fire to their car before escaping sug-gests that they were trying

to destroy evidence, includ-

ing fingerprints.
The area has many military posts that might be targets. The men may have been on their way through Yorkshire after scouting a possible target or heading further north. Newcastle has seen a spate of firebomb attacks, suggesting that the IRA has chosen the area for operations.

Some of the answers lie in long-term analysis of the IRA's battle plan. Later this year, MI5 will take overall responsibility for IRA intelligence and this area of analysis. Discussions about the machinery are under way between the security service and the Yard's special branch. The govern ment plan means that M15 would oversee the build-up of material on the IRA. It will not investigate crimes. which will remain a police responsibility.

 A severe blow may be dealt to the IRA today in Geneva, where a Libyan official is due to hand to Britain a document detail-ing Libya's history of links with the organisation (Christopher Walker

No details of the extent of the information have been disclosed, but Whitehall hopes that it may give a much-needed boost to intelligence on IRA personnel and arms stocks.

Interest will centre on how much of nearly 1,000 tonnes of Semtex explosive sold to Tripoli by Czechoslovakia's former communist rulers in 1981 has reached the IRA. President Vaclav Havel once described the shipment as enough to last world terrorism 150 years.

Since 1987, when French customs seized the Irish freighter Eksund, loaded with Libyan arms destined for the IRA, Britain has been seeking information to enable it to capture lead-ing IRA men and to trace earlier shipments.

IRA admits attack, page 1

# Tory asks PM to protect agent

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A CONSERVATIVE MP has appealed to the prime minister to ensure that an agent of army intelligence in Northern Ireland, sent to prison for ten years in February on live charges of conspiracy to murder, is guaranteed lifetime protection by the security authorities.

The agent, Brian Nelson, described during his trial by one of his military handlers, a British army colonel, as "a very courageous man", is at the centre of new claims that he was involved in other alleged murders and conspiracies. The allegations were made in a BBC Panorama programme last night.

Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay, said the arrest and conviction of Nelson set a "dangerous precedent" which could put off other informants from providing vital intelligence on terrorist activities in Ulster. Nelson worked undercover for the army while he was an intelligence officer for the paramilitary UDA.

One of the new allegations is that army intelligence officers kept secret a plot to murder a prominent Belfast solicitor after being tipped off by Nelson. Paddy McGrory represented the families of the three IRA bombers shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar in March 1988. He said yesterday that he was warned about the death threat only three months after Nelson had been arrested. He claimed police in Ulster had difficulty extracting information about the alleged plot from the

The threat emerged after a box of intelligence files compiled by Nelson on Roman Catholic and republican suspects was seized by a team of detectives headed by John Stevens, then the deputy chief constable of Cambridge, who had been sent to Northern Ireland to investigate allega-tions of collusion between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Loyalist paramilitaries.

Nelson is still in an isolation cell at the top security Crumlin Road jail in Bellast. awaiting transfer to a prison on the mainland.

# Child abuse victims should stay at home, judge says

By JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

to the laity, Lord Butler-Sloss said that there was frequently

SOCIAL workers who remove child-abuse victims from their homes for their own protection may be doing more harm than good, a leading legal expert said last

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, whose 1987 report of the enquiry into the Cleveland sex-abuse scandal, which she chaired, is now a standard work on the subject, said that many such children were better off left at home than facing the trauma of separation from their families.

tive" abuse by professionals may be added to the suffering the child has already endured, causing it to be "victimised twice, once by being abused and twice by being taken away from home". But the lessons "still do not seem 'to filter through", she said. Some of her remarks are

likely to prove controversial.

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a risk to be evaluated as to whether a child victim of physical abuse might be in danger if left at home, but that "such a risk rarely arises in sexual abuse". It is, however, "upsetting for the caring adult, whether doctor, social worker or other professional to allow a child to remain in a sexually abusing situation. In



Butler-Sloss: removing child adds to trauma

the initial stages of investigation I should like to see children remaining at home and the alleged abuser leaving with financial support while the whole thing is sorted out,"

she said. She also hinted that sex offenders might be better dealt with within the family. The Children Act was improving matters but "insufficient attention is being paid to continuing help for abused children", she said.

Ian White, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said that Lord Butler-Sloss had identified important issues but social workers could not take too many risks. "We need to support the family but we also have to take a very hardnosed view of the risks. The worry I have is that we may underplay the need to protect the child and go too far in protecting the family."

Children Act, Law Times, L&T section, page 25

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### Science debunks anti-age creams WHO can be blamed for

splashing out on expensive face lotions to disprove W.S. Gilbert's line in Ruddigore that he could tell a woman's age in half a minute? Thousands of women spend up to 140 a time on so called antiaging face lotions, but a survey today says there is no scientific evidence to support the wilder claims of cosmetic companies.

Which? Way to Health magazine asked a panel of dermatologists to test six leading anti-aging face lotions. Christian Dior hails its Capture Complexe Liposomes as a "bio-techni-cal innovation" that stimulates the renewal of cells and firms the skin. But the dermatologists were unimnot use them." pressed. One said: "It's make-believe ... [it] won't get through the skin's sur-face." The magazine says: "If a cream can encourage

skin cells to replicate ... old

skin by new then in theory it

could also encourage others

such as cancer cells."

Seeking youth in a jar of cream is a waste of money and a scientific nonsense, say experts. Nicholas Watt reports

Clarins claims that its Double Sérum postpones the aging process and restores elasticity and suppleness to the skin. The experts rounded on such claims. "It cannot minimise the effects of the aging process," one dermatologist said.

One professor of dermatology, who was involved in the survey and wanted to remain anonymous, said: These expensive moisturisers are just hope in a pot. The companies' claims cannot be substantiated and dermatologists certainly do

As people age their skin loosens as the dermis, the scaffolding layer, withers. Some of the cosmetic companies claim their products penetrate the outer layer of the skin. Dermatologists said that if that were true

the lotions should be licensed as medicines. Which? says that all

moisturisers are an emulsion of oil and water which can temporarily trap mois-ture to reduce wrinkles. "All the products do this but cheap ones do it too," the magazine says.

The magazine says sunscreens are the most useful anti-aging aid. Sunlight damages the lower layers of skin. Dr John McFadden, senior registrar at St Thomas's Hospital in London, said: "There is no question that the Victorian models who protected themselves

from the sun were wise." Which? says the cosmetic companies are adept at advertising their claims without breaking the law. "The only requirement for claims ... is that they should not be misleading. Many of their claims are left vague and our wishful thinking does the rest," it says. The companies also do

not have to list all the ingredients in the lotions. The magazine says: "Most of us don't know what we're buying - bad news for the one to three per cent whose skin reacts painfully to certain ingredients." Women were divided yes-

terday about the merit of the lotions. Nathalie King admitted that she was hooked to Clinique's moisturiser. "I'm susceptible to the marketing and I wouldn't be without it." But Caroline Morse said

that she did not spend monev on expensive anti-ageing lotions. "I think that moisturising, both for men and women, does keep skin more supple and therefore younger looking. But you don't need to buy the expensive anti-aging lotions."

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### Resort's GPs put on their business hats in pursuit of joint fundholding deal

# **Doctors** opt to put all patients on fast track

BY ALISON ROBERTS

AN EAST Sussex resort will be the first entire town to opt into the general practitioner fundholding scheme. All 24 GPs in Bexhill-on-Sea expect government approval for their consortium-run venture, now in its preparatory year, and have received a cautious welcome from the British Medical Association, which has consistently op-posed fundholding in the

past.
The five practices, with a patient list of 43,000 between them, of whom 40 per cent are over 65, will manage four funds with the help of a business manager, a board of directors and a sophisticated database containing details of patient needs and service providers. Although each practice will be financially independent, funds will be managed

centrally and negotiation with service providers will be performed on behalf of the consortium. The alliance is the first on such a large-scale and effectively withdraws the Bexhill GP service from health authority control. The GPs will buy services from hospitals in Eastbourne, Hastings, Tonbridge Wells and Bexhill.

Neil Coxhead, the fund manager who has been re-cruited from the retail sector, is beginning to negotiate contracts, although budgets will not be set until the autumn. The aim will be for quality care at competitive prices. Roger Elias, a Bexhill GP and a board director, said: "Mr Coxhead is like a terrier snapping at provid-

Dr Elias said that, even at this early stage, hospital attitudes were changing. "We had seen the services cut in the hospital in Bexhill and felt that the patients were getting a raw deal. Goodwill from hospitals has suddenly

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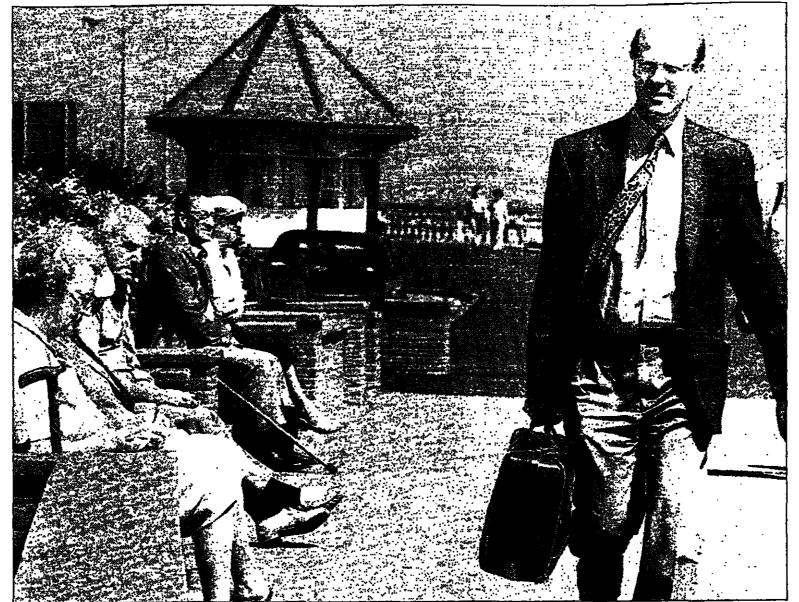
that we will have the money," he said.

Dr Elias was not always in favour of fundholding and still thinks that the system can be divisive. When all the doctors in an area are fundholders, however, the possibility of a local two-tier system disappears. At the same time the competitive benefits may be lost. "Clearly, if we had only one hospital nearby with which to bar-gain there would have been no point in us all becoming fundholders," Dr Elias said. John Chisholm, deputy

chairman of the BMA's GPs committee, said that political reality was forcing the association to accept parts of the fundholding philosophy. A two-tier system could not exist in an area covered solely by fundholding doctors, he said. However, Dr Chisholm voiced doubts about the small scale fundholding model. "There is no doubt that the first and second waves of fundholders have been resourced sufficiently in the short term. That had a political impetus behind it. More and more these GPs are going to be coming up against the hard facts of life and finding that there is a cash limit.

Peter Dewhurst, a GP and the founder of the Bexhili consortium, said that computer records would tell the doctors which patient was waiting for a specific operation and how long they had been waiting. The information would provide a firm basis from which to argue for extra cash, he said. Dr Dewhurst and Dr Chisholm both wanted to see a closer dialogue between GP and

consultant. Dr Dewhurst said that the Bexhill fundholders would try to maintain a good relationship with the service providers in the interests of their



Medical advance: Dr Roger Elias, out on his rounds yesterday, is heading for a new era of patient care in Bexhill-on-Sea

# Are GPs diving for pearls or fool's gold?

GIVING GPs their own hospital budget remains the riskiest and least predictable of the government's NHS reforms. No other issue has provoked wider disagreement among doctors, managers and health analysts. Some believe the scheme will destabilise the NHS while others maintain that it provides the "grit in the oyster" that will allow the reforms to fulfill their true purpose.

The appeal of the scheme. however, cannot be denied. In this respect, the government has scored a victory over the doom-mongers of the British Medical Association and other health organisations. By next April, more than 1,000 practices are expected to have joined the scheme, covering a quarter of the population. A survey by the association

found that 40 per cent of the GPs applying to become fundholders next April were against the scheme, but feared that their patients might lose out if they did not join. Most believe that holding their own funds will give them more clout with consultants. One of the first benefits of the reforms has been a transformation of the relationship between GPs and consultants: with the GPs in the ascendancy.

Fundholding has been good for patients, too. A Which? survey found that fundholding GPs offered bet-

Jeremy Laurance examines some of the predicted side effects on health

care of GP fund-holding

ter and quicker treatment. One third said they got a faster service from hospitals on waiting lists and test results and almost as many non-fundholders surveyed agreed that hospitals gave priority to fundholders, lending weight to fears of a twotier service. The "double standards" have been constantly criticised by opponents of the scheme but as the number of fundholders increases, their individual clout is likely to diminish. Defenders of the scheme

claim that the first fundholders are blazing a trail. increasing accountability and switching the focus of care from the hospital to the community. Reducing the pre-eminence of hospitals is one of the main aims of the reforms, but fears remain that bringing budgets so close to the front line will undermine the GP's role as patient's advocate in obtaining the best available hospicare. Critics argue that fundholders will have a financial incentive to select younger, healthier patients, and to under-refer. Small practices may be disadvantaged, health authorities' purchasing power may be weakened and the planning of health care may become more difficult as resources are allocated on the basis of

demand, not need. Even senior members of the NHS management executive regard GP fundholding as a mess, but one out of which good things may grow. The idea was to draw GPs in with incentives rather than impose a rigid structure. This had the advantage of creating a climate in which non-fundholders felt they had to be a part of the scheme. But it was always recognised that adjustments, perhaps extensive ones, might have to be made.

Puttnam

pleads for

woodland

By Michael Hornsby

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AN APPEAL for £85,000 to

fund campaigning for Brit-ain's woods and forests has

been launched by David Putt-

nam, the film-maker, in his

farewell message as president

of the Council for the Protec-

tion of Rural England, a post

In a letter to the council's

45,000 members, Mr Pun-

nam says that he finds it in-

credible that between 30 and

50 per cent of Britain's an-

cient and semi-natural wood-

land, "the very heart and soul

of our countryside", has been

allowed to disappear in the past five decades. "Our ancient woodlands are still faced

with thoughtless and short-

sighted destruction," he says.

David Conder, the coun-

cil's assistant director, said

that the appeal funds would

be used to back campaigns

for reinforcement of tree pres-

ervation orders, legal protec-tion of hedges and traditional

orchards, and new grants to

encourage tree planting for the benefit of recreation, wild-

life and the landscape, rather

Mr Puttnam's successor is

to be announced on June 16.

than for timber production.

he has held for seven years.

### Julie Ward police accused of brutality

British detectives investigating the death in Kenya of Julie Ward assaulted and abused two Kenyans accused of murdering her, a defence lawyer said in the Nairobi

High Court yesterday. Githu Muigai said that the Scotland Yard detectives used "threats, intimidation and inducements" while questioning Jonah Magiroi, 28, and Peter Kipeen, 26, who are game rangers.

Prosecutors say that the rangers abducted Miss Ward, 28, a tourist in the Masai Mara game reserve, held her for several days in September 1988 and then murdered her. They face the death penalty if found guilty.

Mr Muigai told Det Supt David Shipperlee: "I put it to you that when you were showing a man to Magical."

showing a map to Magiroi you actually slapped him ... And also Det Chief Supi Graham Searle kicked Magiroi in the ribs." Mr Shipperlee, who was called in to help Kenyan police after an inquest into Miss Ward's death ruled in 1989 that there had been foul play, said: "It's total nonsense."

### Murder police seek three men

Detectives investigating the murder of Katie Rackliff, 19. who was killed with a knife after she left a nightclub in Camberley, Surrey, early on Sunday want to interview

three men.

Det Supt Ray Piper, said they were anxious to trace an Asian known locally as the "Korean kick boxer" and an Afro-Caribbean man who had his hair cut in the shape of an arrow. The third man was white, of average height and build with dark hair. He wore a white shirt with dark grey trousers, and was the last person seen talking to her.

### England chess hopes rise

England's chances in the Manila chess Olympics were given an unexpected boost yesterday when two key play-ers, Karpov and Yusupov, withdrew from the top-seeded Russian team. The pull-outs give England their best chance of winning the gold medals (Raymond Keene

England suffered a setback in the first round against Singapore yesterday when eventually won 3-1. Most of the other top teams, playing teams from the lower half of the table, won 4-0 or 3 12-12.

### Morley tribute

Family and friends of Robert Morley gathered yesterday for a tribute to the actor, who died last week. The service was in the village of Wargrave, Berkshire, where Morley lived for more than 50 years. The actor's son, the theatre critic Sheridan Morley, delivered the address, in which he recalled his father's love of life, wit and joyfulness. "He was the happiest man I have ever met," he said.

### Gunner spared

Bow Street magistrates showed leniency on behalf of a "grateful country" towards an artilleryman, a veteran of the Gulf war, who got lost while driving in London and was found to be over the drink-drive limit. Mark Duncan, 21, of Kentish Town, north London, received a three-year conditional discharge with a one-year disqualification.

### Comedian fined

The comedian Freddie Starr was fined £110 with £35 costs and given three penalty points for driving at 100.1mph on the M5. Starr. told magistrates at Cullompton, Devon, that he needed his licence to take his wheelchair-bound mother to visit his father in a hospice.

### **Dangers** spelt out to young drinkers

By DAVID YOUNG

AN AVERAGE of 20 people under the age of 15 are treated in hospital every week for in acute alcohol intoxication according to the organisers of Drinkwise Day, who today aim to promote the sensible

consumption of alcohol. The ease with which youngsters gain access to alcohol has been shown by a survey which found that three-quarters of 11 to 14-year-olds would be able to help themselves to their parents' drinks cabinet if they wanted to. In a a 12-year-old boy returned home to find that he had

drunk half a bottle of vodka. The Drinkwise campaign, sponsored by the Health Education Authority and run in association with Alcohol Concern, says that it is too easy for children to take a drink without their parents' knowledge. A survey of 2,000 people found that 60 per cent of parents of 15 to 17-year-olds said that their sons and daughters could very easily get hold of drink in the home. A further 20 per cent said that access to alcohol would be quite easy. Among parents of 11 to 14-year-olds, 54 per cent said that their children could very easily have a drink. Another 20 per cent said they could drink quite easily.

The campaign organisers said that locking the drinks cabinet was not the solution. Dave Arnold, a Drinkwise coordinator who has two childten, said: "The best way to show children how to handle alcohol is by the parents' example of sensible and appro-Priate drinking." Parents are advised to keep

calm if their teenage child comes home drunk. Wait for a more sober moment to talk of the dangers of over-the-top drinking, the campaign says. Doctors advise men not to drink more than 21 alcohol mits a week and women not 0 exceed 14. A unit is equivaent to a small glass of wine or erry, a pub measure of spirils, or half a pint of beer.

# Hanged teenager feared jail switch

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A TERRIFIED prison informer hanged himself after he learnt he was being moved to a jail with a violent gang that he had crossed, an inquest was told yesterday.

Johnny Cash, 18, from Ac-

ton, west London, was found dead in January at the Young Offenders' Institution, Feltham, west London. Ten days ago, a report by Judge Ste-phen Tumin, chief inspector of prisons, revealed widespread violence and bullying among prisoners and low morale among staff.

John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, told the jury that the week before his death Mr Cash had reported an assault on a cellmate. Because of that, he was moved to a segregation wing

to protect him.
"He was a marked man with gangs inside the prison for being a grass," said Dr Burton. Another informant had told officers that Mr Cash had been beaten five days before he died.

At 7.45pm on the day he died, he was seen by an officer who was going off duty and was found an hour and five minutes later, hanging by a sheet from his upturned bed. No suicide note was found but officers discovered a razor

blade in an envelope and he had scratches on his wrists.

Dr Susan Claydon, a pathologist, said death was caused by self suspension and she had ruled out the possibility that somebody else had throttled Mr Cash. Marks around his mouth had been self-inflicted.

Although officers at Bow Road police station had filled in an exceptional risk form when Mr Cash had attempt ed to slash his wrists in November last year. Arthur Thompson, the duty day governor at Feltham, had been unaware of such a document. This form should have gone with Mr Cash when he returned to Feltham and he should have been reassessed as a suicide risk.

Mr Thompson, who authorised Mr Cash's removal to the segregation unit, said the prisoner was "excitable". During a 15-minute interview, he had told Mr Cash that his transfer to Rochester Prison would be reassessed. There was no sign that Mr Cash intended to harm himself. Mr Cash had told him he knew people at Rochester with whom he had been in trouble.

The hearing continues



Road test: Greta Shepherd, Woman Lorry Driver of the Year, home after touring Europe investigating the single market for a series due on BBC1

# Genetic patents threaten the search for new medicines

ATTEMPTS by American researchers to patent fragments of human genetic codes could hinder the search for new treatments for disease, the head of the international effort to map the 3,000 million chemical sequences carried on everyone's

genes said yesterday. The moves threatened the free exchange of information between more than 700 genetic scientists around the world. Sir Walter Bodmer. president of the Human Genome Organisation (Hugo) and director general of the Imper-

ial Cancer Research Fund, said. Sir Walter said that patenting would lead to long and costly legal wrangles over intellectual property rights. He issued the warning as Britain's Medical Research Council, worried that patent approval for American gene sequences might be approved, said yesterday that it would be reluctantly filing similar patents within cial interests.

Sir Walter said that patenting could undermind Hugo, a programme which, by mapping and then understanding how our genes work, hopes to spawn a new generation of treatments, drugs and possibly cures for inherited diseases.

He said that approval for patenting would be "extremely damaging". Scientists in some countries would simply ignore patent applications filed by American or British researchers "creating, no doubt, a potentially massive problem for the patent lawyers". Others were already refusing to exchange information with scientists in countries where patent-

ing was being discussed. The American patenting moves could also decrease the rate at which new treatments or drugs emerge as companies abandon efforts, fearing huge royalties

Lawyers and not the sick could benefit most from a move by US researchers. Nick Nuttall reports

will be owed to those who have patented

the basic gene sequences. The American researchers, based at the US National Institutes of Health, filed the first of their patent applications last autumn. apparently with government support, and are expecting an answer in

A data base run by the council at Northwick Park, designed to carry British. French and Italian gene sequences. has so far been boycotted by continental groups whose governments oppose the patenting of random gene sequences. The council itself has withheld recently mapped gene sequences from the data base until patents are filed.

Sir Walter, writing in Science and Pub-lic Affairs. published by the Royal Society and the British Association for the Advancement of Science, said that if the American scientists succeeded it was possible that the whole basis of scientific

patenting might need altering. A use has yet to be identified for the genetic fragments at the centre of the dispute and some critics argue that the applications fail the inventiveness tests. In other words, mankind's genes have not been created by scientists; rather scien-

tists are only discovering their structure. Sir Walter said that an international agreement was urgently needed to resolve genetic patenting issues. He said it was right that companies spending millions developing new drugs or treatment based on genetic sequences had patent protec-

tion. Likewise, researchers who took a genetic sequence and modified it to produce, say, a new protein, should also be

protected.
Sir Walter said he hoped that the US patent office would heed international concern and rule against the applications. The council has indicated that if that happened it would drop its patent applications here.

Dr Sarah Eccles, a senior scientist with the council in London, who specialises in technology transfer and patenting, indicated yesterday that the US office could well rule in the institutes's favour. "At first sight we thought you could not possibly patent these. But when we took advice from patent agents they said there was no outstanding reason why such applications could not get through," she said.

"I think such an approval would be extremely damaging." Sir Walter said.

# Police chiefs look to private sector help

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

POLICE officers, whose duties a hundred years ago included inspecting bridges and waking people for work, may have their functions fur-

Although bridge-checking and waking up workers have long ceased to be police tasks, and officers have given up checking sheep-dipping for the agriculture ministry, they still chase stray dogs, and inspect prescription records of chemists' shops and aliens' nationality applications.

The time may, however, be coming when duties will be drawn even tighter. The Adam Smith Institute has published a paper urging the privatisation of some responsibilites, and chief constables gather today for a national conference on that theme. Speakers will include representatives of the institute, of the security industry and of the Policy Studies Institute.

Chief constables and the Police Federation, which represents junior ranks, have expressed concern at the spread of private security companies while acknowledging that the burden placed on police leaves forces stretched. The increased use of civilian staff. now numbering over 53,000, has freed many officers from administrative work. The next step would be to take away some police duties.

Some changes are already taking place. A project in the Midlands to use private security guards to take prisoners to and from court is expected eventually to be extended throughout the country. Police and councils have been investigating whether the escort of abnormal loads could be passed from traffic police contractors. The Adam Smith Institute also suggests privatisation of motorway traffic-flow monitoring.

Steps are being taken to switch some traffic wardens from the police to local authority control, and the Home Office has launched a ation of a firearms control board to take over police responsibilities for the licensing of firearms.

A civilian agency could, according to one senior chief constable, take responsibility for the welfare of prisoners

provide food and medical treatment. Advice on crime prevention crime could be given by civilians, such as retired policemen.

Many chief constables would dearly like to reduce their commitment inside football grounds and see officers replaced by stewards. The snag is that police now have responsibilities for safety under the Taylor recommendations. The national criminal records system could use more civilians. Some forces provide school crossing pa-trols; others have passed the job to education authorities.

Although many senior offi

cers desire change, they and local authorities are cautious. There are questions of cost and the quality of the service. If officers are removed from duties that put them in touch with the public, they might lose valuable contacts and public relations opportuni-ties. In the 19th century, one reformer justified the constable's job of waking up workers as a way of showing that policemen were not simply a



Human touch: Lesley Moore, 27, who today becomes the first policewoman to receive the Royal Humane Society's gold award for her 1989 attempt to revive a fatally injured London building worker who had fallen onto a ledge

# second si Hospital beat puts crime fight on to the street

Putting officers at the centre of the community they serve can cut the crime rate. Stewart Tendler writes

THE police office at Archway, north London, has no blue light and no cells - and the telephones carry the insignia of the local health authority. Seventy London police officers have been moved from their traditional base in a police station to rented offices in one of London's largest hospitals at the heart of

the area they cover. The experiment in moving the officers into Whittington Hospital began two months ago and the first crime figures, which involve small numbers of crimes, show a drop ranging from 3 per cent to 30 per cent in categories of reported offences both within the hospital and in the surrounding streets.

Tenants on one local estate have already sent letters praising the scheme and if the move proves successful in bringing officers closer to their community other unorthodox sites will follow.

This week, when chief constables meet for a national policing conference, experiments such as the Archway initiative will be high on the agenda as the government presses the police to get closer to their communities. Kenneth Clarke, new home clear that forces are not moving fast enough, pointing out recently that only a third of them have begun work on

greater community policing. The Archway experiment is exactly what ministers want forces to develop. The north London officers are operating a new system known as sector policing, which involves the scrapping of traditional working methods including shift patterns. It brings police closer to the ground they cov-er and makes them more responsive to the needs of communities.

Archway's officers were originally based at Holloway police station in the middle of the fourth busiest police divi-sion in London. When the division was split into three sectors under the new strategy, officers looked for an alternative site at the centre of

the Archway sector.
The Whittington, which has more than 500 patients. 660 out-patients each day and 2,200 staff, was keen to of income and as a supplement to the small team of security staff. In two months the number of reported incidents, mainly vehicle crime, has dropped from 18 over the same period last year to one and staff are reassured by the police presence.

Officers work from a floor within one of the hospital blocks and are geographically and psychologically at the centre of their policing shifts at the hospital, check their duties in the operations room within their offices and eat with hospital staff. Divided into six teams rather than the three shifts, or "reliefs" which traditionally divide up the 24 hour work rota, the officers patrol a mixed inner

Chief Supt Peter Mathias, head of the division, said: "I was very anxious that we take policing to the customer. think the important thing i to get officers up into the area we want to police." Big imposing police stations were not always the best way o reaching the public.

Instead of covering the entire division and being sent anywhere within it, officers in the sector only work in Archfrom their eight hours of work and leave difficulties behind for someone else. The next and day they return to the same area and have to solve the problem.

The operations room has two notice boards. One sets out the crime priorities on each beat. The other notes 10 11 "neighbourhood forum issues" drawn from meetines with residents through the local council's area offices. Issues cover anything from speeding traffic to rowdy children. Sector policing is aimed at

reconciling the two sets of demands. Patrois can be concentrated in areas where there are more offences or the police can turn to lateral thinking.
Faced with a burst of car crime in two streets, the unit

leafleted every resident warn ing of the dangers and calling for better crime prevention. Car crime, the most common !- ... criminal activity in London immediately dropped in the

struggli West Er

### **Denning** defeated on school

Lord Denning's dream of making his old school a community centre had a setback in the High Court yesterday. School trustees won a possession order against the former Master of the Rolls, who still lives in his birthplace, Whitchurch, Hampshire, and has fought to save its former school since its closure in 1973.

Lord Denning, 93, said: "I have spent a very considerable sum on repair work, insurance and keeping the old school going."

The order was won by the Rev Michael Grylls and the Rev Martin Coppen, joint vicars of Whitchurch and St. Mary Bourne and the school trustees. Later, Niall Brook, their solicitor, said that Lord Denning had claimed to be "a constructive trustee" because he had insured and improved the building. Mr Brook said that, subject to any appeal, the vicars would apply to the Charity Commissioners for a scheme deciding the future of the school, surplus to requirements since provision of new premises.

Murder charge Peter Horbury. 55. a graphic designer. was remanded in custody accused of murdering his wife, Caroline, a nurse, at their home at Mamhilad, Gwent. Their son, Daniel, 10, had dialled 999

### to report her death. Arson trial

Alan Baggs, of Reading, Berkshire, 42, an air freight manager with James Bourlet and Sons, the fine art shipper, yesterday denied starting a fire at its warehouse near Heathrow airport. His trial at Isleworth Crown Court was adjourned for three weeks.

### Dodger sought

Police are seeking a fare dodger who locked himself in the lavatory of a train before threatening a ticket inspector with a knife between Fratton and Harbour stations.



Grantham: new role as a psychiatrist

### C4 reveals bombing secrets

A PROGRAMME revealing a secret peacetime British bombing campaign which flattened villages in Iraq, Sudan, Pakistan and Afghanistan is part of Channel 4's E30 million summer schedules which were unveiled

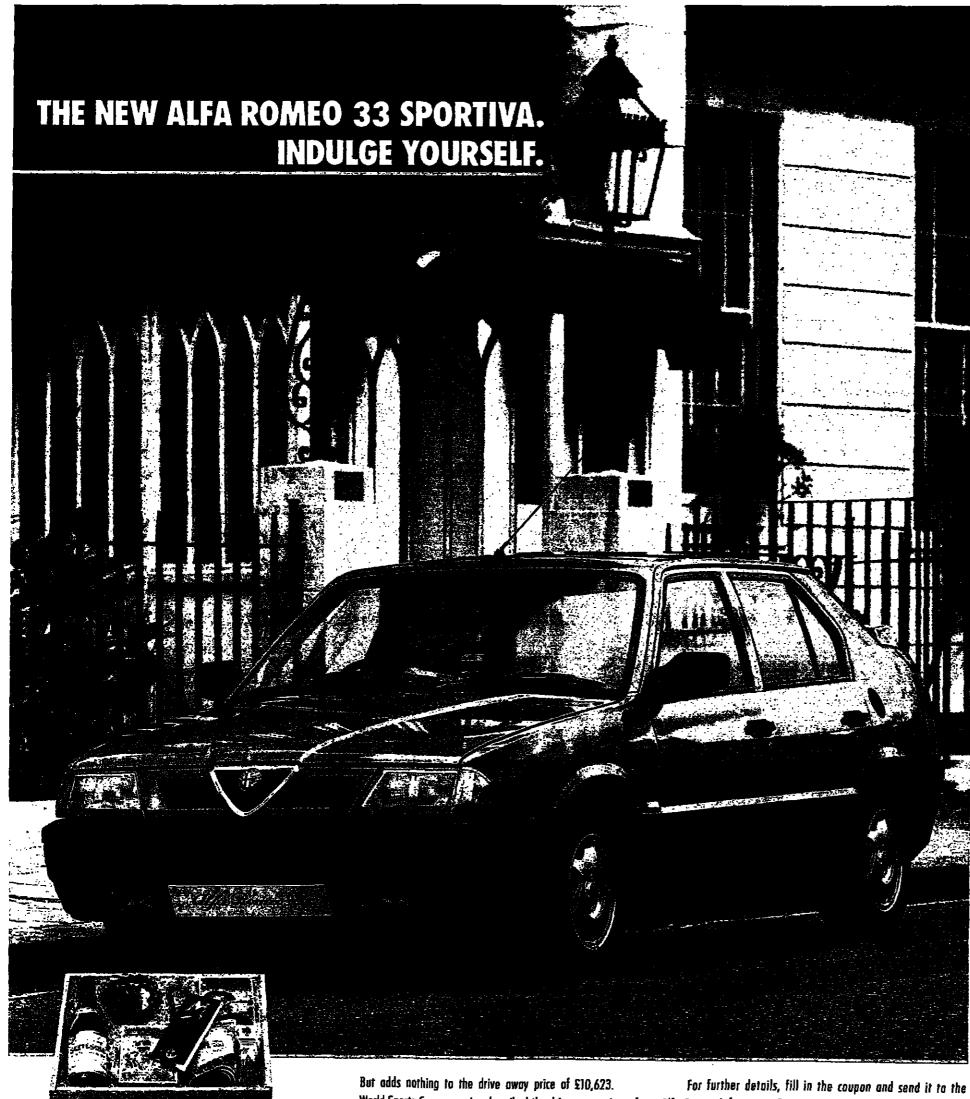
yesterday.

Birds of Death, part of a new series of Secret History documentaries. describes how Winston Churchill, then colonial secretary, tackled disturbances in corners of the Empire in 1921.

Arthur "Bomber" Hams. who was later to lead Bomber Command and mastermind the destruction of cities in Germany, was one of the i pilots deployed by the RAF to attack villages with huge loss of life.

Other new programmes include a comedy thriller. Gummed Labels, which will star the EastEnders actor Leslie Grantham as a bespeciacled psychiatrist. A spokesman for the show said: "It is quite a change for him because he wants to diversify his style and his image and he wears speciacles in this role."

The comedian Julian Clary is also to star in his first TV situation comedy. He appears as himself in Terri and Julian about a homeless television celebrity who turns up on the doorstep of a rough and ready lad after answering a newspaper advertisement for a flatmate



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# Second show folds in struggling West End

BY SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND show in London's West End is to fold, it was announced yesterday just three days after the sudden closure of Reflected Glory starring Albert Finney. Some Like it Hot at the Prince Edward Theatre is to end its run in two weeks' time. Both shows were produced by

Mark Furness.

Many other West End shows are in danger of closure because of poor ticket sales, and there is little sign of tourism bringing a box office revival. Bill Kenwright, one of the West End's most successful producers, said: "Tve never known business so bad. All

my houses are down."
Mr Furness closed Reflected Glory on Friday at 45 minutes' notice, blaming "universally bad business in the West End". Mr Finney, the star of the production at the Vaudeville Theatre, had refused to go on because he had not been paid. Another of Mr Furness's shows, The Blue Angel, is believed to be

doing badly. Few theatres are dark, but many shows are playing to such poor houses - only 20 per cent in some cases - that they cannot survive much longer. Roger Filer of Stoll Moss Theatres said that pro-

### Early finish offers no refund

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Issued Sever anning. . FANS who see only 40 minutes of a performance, as happened with the Joan Rivers show on Sunday night, or who had to go home after just two balls when cricket was halted by bad light at Edgbaston last week, are unlikely

to get their money back. Keith Richards, of the Consumers' Association's legal department, said yesterday malabel and remarks that ticket buyers had a congue of the discrete at a tractual relationship with the sellers which was governed by printed on the ticket or referred to and available in full

> "Usually, with something like the cricket, these terms will offer refunds only if there is no play whatever. If a single ball was bowled, ticket holders get no money back at all," he said

> Tickets for the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, state that no money will be refunded if an interrupted performance has run more than

half its length.
Mr Richards said it was irrelevant that most people did not bother to read the terms. "The short answer is that, legally, it looks like tough luck, although in the case of Edgbaston I would have thought the organisers had a huge moral duty to give back people's money because there was virtually no play."

nowever, it might be possible to challenge the terms SCOTTON They are subject to a test under the Unfair Contract Terms Act of whether any limitation of liability is ducers had been holding on through the traditionally bad month of May in the hope of audiences improving. "We are surprised at the level to which business has dropped." he said. "We are well cushioned with three successful shows at our theatres - Miss Saigon, The Phantom of the Opera and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - but shows which in other times would be

making money are not."

A number of factors have led to audiences staying away from the West End: a general election, a late Easter followed closely by two more bank holidays and a very hot May. Theatres were banking on the arrival of overseas visitors, who normally account for 32 per cent of audiences, but they are staying away. Americans have been put off by the poor exchange rate

and are contributing instead to a boom on Broadway. Nick Blackburn, sales di-rector of Ticketmaster, a ticket agency, said: "We thought that after the election and as interest rates started improving people would be coming back, but it just hasn't hap pened and theatres are having a very, very tough time."

Few plays, he said, were doing well. He blamed both the absence of tourists and the variable quality of the productions. "For a straight play to succeed now reviews really have to tell people to go, not just that they might like it." Mr Blackburn said. Tickets offered at discount-

ed prices are keeping many shows afloat. Visitors to wine bars and restaurants in centrai London can find "Showpairs" vouchers on their tables or by the bar, entitling them to two tickets for the price of one for some leading shows: The promotion is very low key as producers are reluctant to admit that they need to resort to such means to fill seats. Mr Kenwright has used Show-pairs for the award-winning Dancing at Lughnasa and even his new show, John Osborne's Dejavu which opens tomorrow has been offered at half: price for previews.

A survey by the Society of West End Theatre a year ago showed that 22 per cent of tickets bought for West End shows were sold at a discount. The figure now is likely to be nearer 50 per cent. The society operates the half-priceticket booth in Leicester Square. On Saturday, only tickets for the most successful Lloyd Webber and Mackintosh shows were not on offer.

Regional touring is becoming better business for plays than a West End run. Today, Howard Panter, one of the founders of Turnstyle Productions which has A Slip of the Tongue running in the West End, opens the New Victoria Theatre at Woking shopping centre which his company will run. Robert Cogo-Fawcett, the Woking theatre's artistic director, said: "Producers may offer the West End as the end of a tour, but they can't always deliver. We don't think it needs to be in the programme, and the West End is not attractive at the moment



From pleasure garden to pleasure dome: Leicester Square in 1874 and, below, the modern square hemmed in on all sides

# London's heart is restored to square one

The official reopening by the Queen of a newly refurbished Leicester Square has rekindled pride, reports John Young

THE view from Leicester Square along Coventry Street and into Piccadilly, spoilt only by the absurd Swiss Centre, is still one of the grandest in the capital; grand not because it contains any buildings of outstanding merit, but because it encapsulates a style and scale that are essentially London. Yet on several occasions this century it has been endangered by neglect or by ill-conceived redevelopment schemes that would have destroyed it for

On April 4, 1928, The Times carried a long article by its architectural correspondent discussing the merits of a comprehensive scheme by Sir Reginald Biomitield for the redevelop ment of Piccadilly Circus.

The Times favoured change. It was time, it said, to shed the "Nash complex", and useless to sigh over departed glories. Already Eros had been temporarily displaced to make way for a new Underground station; an experimental one-way traffic system had been pronounced a success, and a new age

But the new age proved less easy to accommodate than expected. Within months there were calls for bypasses along Curzon Street and through Green Park to relieve the accumulating congestion in Piccadilly.
The debate on the re-plan-

ning of the circus was interrupted by war, but resurfaced again in 1958 with an enquiry into London County Coun-cil's professals for large scale redevelopment. They included new roads, the demolition of the London Pavilion and the Criterion, and the construction of several high rise buildings and underground car parks.

In March 1959, the coun-

cil's planning committee approved a proposal by Jack Cotton's City Centre Properties for a 172ft tower on the so-called Monico site adjoining Shaftesbury Avenue. The Royal Fine Art Commission made strenuous objections, the House of Commons was told of "widespread dismay felt at this vulgar and unimaginative proposal" and the Lords were asked what London had done to deserve such an "unspeakable" building.

Henry Brooke, minister for housing and local government, called a public enquiry at which the proposed build-ing was famously described by the then Mr Elwyn Jones as "the biggest aspidistra in the world". The plans were rejected and Sir William Holford was appointed to produce a new scheme.

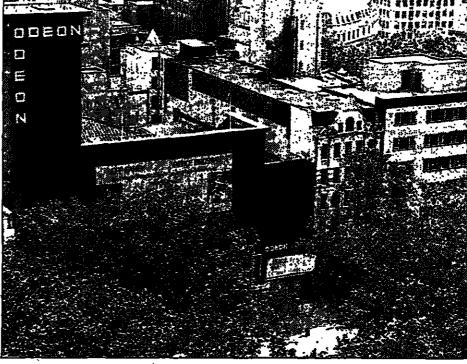
His proposal bore a strong resemblance to his master plan for the precinct of St Paul's Cathedral, with a raised pedestrian piazza surrounded by several slab-like buildings. It was rejected, ironically, because in the government's view "it did not make enough provision for the expected increase in road traffic". The Times described the whole business as "the most badly bungled affair in the history of post war urban

planning."

A futuristic scheme, masterminded by Dennis Lennon, was put on display in 1968; its most striking feature was a 435ft tower on the Criterion site on the south side of the circus. Desmond Plummer, the GLC leader, described it as "an opportunity that may not recur before the end of the century".

The opportunity was

scorned. The GLC gave up and handed responsibility to Westminster council, which, in May 1972, produced yet



another plan, the seventh all told to transform what it described as "a down at heel. neon-lit slum". Simon Jenkins, the present editor of The Times, castigated the scheme in the Evening Standard as a "terrible mistake. God forbid inat such devastation of the

place," he wrote. London Pavilion restored, the Underground station modernised, and the Monico and Trocadero sites rebuilt on a modest and unobtrusive

During the same period, Leicester Square has been threatened not so much by development as by degeneration. In the past three years Westminster City Council has spent £4 million on what it describes as a landmark in its drive to restore civic pride.

The square, enclosed by elegant town houses, was laid out in the late 17th century in the grounds of Leicester House, the London home of the Earls of Leicester. Leicester House was demolished in 1792, and the square's prestige declined, but in 1843 it was opened to traffic and enjoyed a renascence as a centre of enter-tainment, including hotels, shops, exhibitions. Turkish 187-baths and oyster shops. A see.

generation later, it was back in the doldrums: a statue of George I mounted on a horse was destroyed by vandals and the square was boarded off. In 1874 it was reopened,

with new public gardens surrounding a Shakespeare memorial. It became the capital West End should ever take of "theatreland", dominated by great music halls such as Nor did it. The scheme was the Empire and the Alhamabandoned. Eros was given a bra, converted in the 1930s to wash and brush up, the play host to the new cinema

During the 1970s and 1980s, the square became increasingly shabby and dissolute; an eyesore which sensitive Londonérs tended to avoid and a haunt of drug addicts, drunks, prostitutes and vagrants.

The latest improvements include better access to the gardens, ornamental landscaping, new high-quality paving and better lighting. The Shakespeare fountain and other sculptures have been restored, and the North Terrace and Swiss Court repaved to provide space for open air cafes.

David Weeks, leader of Westminster council, said: shrugged off its poor image. The past malaise that afflicted the area is just a memory."

They probably said the same thing in 1843 and 1874. We can only wait and

### **Sailors** held after jumping from ship

Two Royal Navy sailors prompted a large-scale search yesterday by jumping ship off the Isle of Man and swimming a mile to shore.

The search was called off after their uniforms and life jackets were found on a cliff top at Laxey. David Coleman, 19, and Steven Bumburly, 18, both able seamen, were later stopped after leaving the ferry at Heysham, Lancashire. Military police were interviewing them last night. Naval officers feared that the men had follow cumboned.

the men had fallen overboard in the night when they were reported missing after a 6am roll call on the destroyer HMS Gloucester. A rescue vessel and three helicopters searched the Manx coastline and the sea around the ship. Lancashire police said that the men's reason for jumping ship was not yet known.

### Boy's award

Lewis Cooper, 5, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, who was paralysed by oxygen starva-tion at birth, is to receive at least £740,000 compensation from North Hertfordshire health authority in an agreed High Court settlement.

### Murder charge Malcolm Smith, 40, was remanded in custody by

Bournemouth magistrates yesterday charged with the murder of Jayne Harvell, 26, a barmaid from Dorset, and escaping from custody.

### Poetry gift

British Gas gave the Wordsworth Trust sponsorship worth £70,500 for a children's education scheme at Dove Cottage, Grasmere, the poet's Lake District home.

### Shotgun victim

The remains of a man in his thirties thought to have been blasted with a shotgun were found by a walker in a park at Reigate, Surrey.

### Thirsty Britain

Britons drank tea at the rate of 175 million cups a day last year, the Tea Council said.

# Settlers' garden yields Viking relics

A FAMILY of English set-tiers on the Shetland island of Fetlar have unearthed from their garden a hoard of artifacts left by the Viking settlers who arrived 1,000 years before them.

Nic Bozall had been in his new home for only a few weeks when he decided to dig a carrot bed. He quickly found some stone fishing weights, then pieces of necklace, bone combs and the fragments of what was later identified as Viking kitchenware. Investigations have shown that the items could lead to the discovery of only the second Viking high longhouse found on Shetland.

Mr Boxall, an insurance man from Cheshire, and his wife Lyn were among a small number of people who answered a call for settlers from the tiny community. It was feared that Fetlar, an island on the northeast corner of the archipelago with about 100 inhabitants, was about to become a victim of depopulation. The Boxhalls decided to make a new life there.

Mr Boxall discovered

Kerry Gill on how a Shetland islander's carrot patch provided an historic crop

that the soil around his home, at Houbie, was suitable for growing vegeta-bles, in spite of lying closer to the Arctic Circle than to London. Unknown to him or anyone else at the time, it appears that what lay there could be one of the most important archeological sites found on Shetland.

As the soil seemed easy to work Mr Boxall decided to double-dig his patch, so that he would eventually be able to plant seedlings and root vegetables. About two feet below the surface he came across the stone fish-

ing weights.

He continued to dig. finding more artifacts including the pieces of neck-lace, bone combs and the fragments of kitchenware. There was a lot of stone which, he thought, was merely the foundations of an old byre that he had



been told once existed on the land.

Having come across so much material, he became alarmed, thinking that he had stumbled across something of importance. After consulting staff at the local historical centre, who called in archaeologists, Mr Boxall was asked to forget about his carrot bed so that experts could be summoned from Edinburgh.

Mr Boxall said yesterday: "When I came to one of the last lines I was digging, the stone seemed to be in very tight. I started using a pick-axe, never thinking it might

be a wall but then I remem bered that there had been a byre on the site." That could well be part of the longhouse which, archaeoiogists say, could reveal all manner of other finds. Val Turner, a Shetland

archaeologist, said that the discoveries were very im-portant and it was hoped that enough money could be raised to conduct a full excavation. If the site is that of a high longhouse, it would be the home of wealthy Vikings. Recently on Sanday, Ork-

ncy, the remains of a Viking burial boat belonging to a wealthy merchant and his family were discovered. What archaelogists described as invaluable artifacts had been thought by the person who found them to be pieces of an old car battery.

Norsemen settled in the Shetland Islands in the 8th century. The islands became Scottish only in the 15th century. Fetlar means "fat land" in Norn, the ancient language of Shetland, from which Norwegian was

### Bishop campaigns to boost capital

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

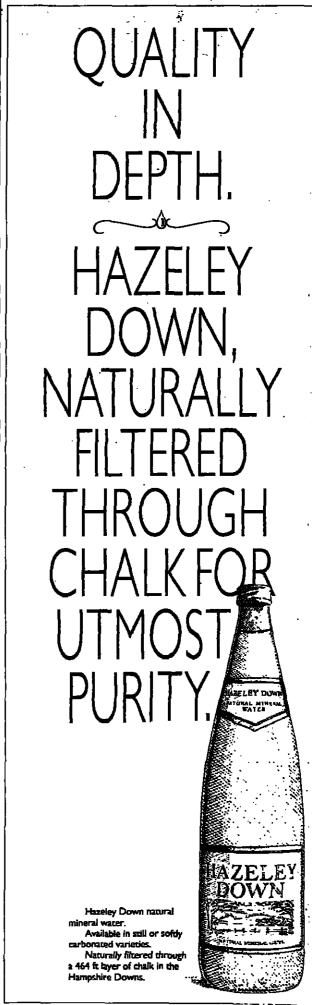
A PLAN to revitalise the heart he describes as "urgently and life of the Church of England in London was launched last night by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope.

Dr Hope's Agenda for Action, published as a "green paper" at the London diocesan synod, outlines a plan to make the diocese financially independent with regard to clergy pay within ten years. Some parishes unable to pay their way could be merged to form larger units. Others could be designated mission areas, with extra staff or money to promote them.

The London diocese. founded in AD 314, includes the City, most of greater London north of the Thames. Surrey north of the Thames and part of Hertfordshire. It has 494 churches, 554 sti-pendiary male clergy and 44 stipendiary women deacons. Worship, prayer and preaching the gospel are at the heart of Dr Hope's plan for spiritual renewal, which needed". His plan reinforces the idea that the church is for everyone, not just regular churchgoers.

Dr Hope, who succeeded Graham Leonard as Bishop of London last autumn, told the synod, meeting at Church House. Westminster: "No longer can we assume that people have a rudimentary and basic knowledge of the Christian faith. They do not. So there is a real urgency about teaching the basics. encouraging those who enquire and those who long and desire to know more."

London undoubtedly had too many church buildings for its present and future needs, he said. Some churches were in the wrong place, while other areas did not have enough. "On one deanery visit I was shown seven huge churches in the space of one square mile." he said. The city of London has 37 churches and two chapels





Leigh: met with a group of fellow ministers to plot tactics on the Maastricht treaty

# Ministers take the rebel side in party split over treaty

TWO cabinet ministers were among a group of about a dozen Euro-sceptic ministers who attended a private meeting at Westminster last week to plot tactics in the light of Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty, it emerged

In a move highlighting the depth of Conservative party divisions over Europe, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, and Michael Portillo. the Treasury chief secretary, joined junior and middleranking ministers opposed to pressing ahead with the bill ratifying the agreement reached before Christmas.

Neil Hamilton and Edward Leigh, junior trade ministers, Eric Forth, a junior education minister. Michael Forsyth. a middle-ranking employment minister, John

To the relief of some junior Tory MPs. senior colleagues have at last shown their Maastricht colours, Nicholas Wood writes

Redwood, the local government minister, and Steve Norris, a junior transport minister, were among those present on Wednesday

David Davis, the Foreign Office whip, also attended the meeting, held just hours after the government performed a U-turn in the face of mounting Tory and Labour opposition and postponed plans to go ahead with the committee stages of the Maastricht bill. His task was to relay to the prime minister and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. the mood of the meeting. It is understood he told them that

the group believed that the Danish referendum had killed off the treaty and that the government should aban-

The stance taken by the meeting of ministers was in direct contradiction to that taken publicly by the prime minister in the Commons on Wednesday afternoon when he said that ratification and implementation of the treaty were in Britain's "national

It is believed that Mr Lilley and Mr Portillo voiced their objections during the cabinet's 30-minute debate on the Danish vote on Thursday.

dorsed the line taken by Mr Major, Downing Street sources said there had been a very interesting discussion". Whitehall code for less than full agreement.

As news of the meeting filtered out at Westminster yesterday, there was relief among the 80 Tory Eurorebels who had signed last week's Commons motion calling for a "fresh start" over Europe. Backbenchers who had risked the wrath of the whips to signal their hostility towards integration were pleased to discover that their doubts were shared at the ighest level.

However, not all the Eurorebels were satisfied that ministers were pulling their weight in the internal party battle over Maastricht. One

backbench veteran of the fray said that they had been pressing ministers of like mind to "show their true colours". warning them that a small core of dissident MPs could not be expected to halt the government machine. He was not convinced that one discreet gathering of ministerial critics would make much

difference.

News of the meeting sparked speculation about possible resignations if the government decides to plough on with the existing bill. Two or three of the junior ministers are said to be passionately opposed to Maastricht and candidates for a walk-out if the government pays no heed to their views. But, as their backbench friends are telling them, Mr Major could survive comfortably a limited challenge to his Mr Portillo, at 39 the youn-

gest member of the cabinet, is aiready the right's best hope of one day reclaiming the leadership of the Conservative party. He is thought to be playing a long game and is likely to argue that the Eurosceptic case can be best defended by having people like him inside the cabinet. Mr Lilley's position is less secure and he knows that if he were to quit now he could be in the wilderness for a long time. In any case, ministerial resignations are out of fashion. Assuming the government throws them a few bones over Maastricht and they are not planning to quit anyway in a year's time, it is hard to see how Europe might push them over the edge.

# **Hurd opposes** new negotiation on Maastricht

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

BRITAIN must not renegotiate over Maastricht and be dragged back into the "maelstrom" which preceded last December's signing of the treaty. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told MPs

Mr Hurd insisted that the British objective remained to establish a single market and enlarge the EC, but admitted that last week's Danish referendum might hinder progress. He made it clear that he and the prime minister were opposed to any "unbundling" of the treaty, on which reaching a new unanimous agreement would be difficult. Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said that

Labour may oppose the bill ratifying the treaty, and Mr Hurd faced pressure from backbench Tories, most notably Kenneth Baker, the former home secretary. Mr Kaufman said that Labour regarded it as improper for the Commons to

debate and approve legisla-

tion enacting into UK law "a

treaty which is inherently faulty as a result of the Danish referendum". It was all very well for EC foreign ministers to say they wished to proceed with ratification of the treaty, but he challenged Mr Hurd: "Will you explain the point of this when the treaty cannot be operative unless all of the 12 ratify it? If the government is not able to offer that clear way

ahead, the Labour party will

oppose any further consider-

ation of the bill in this house

and will vote accordingly." Last month Labour abstained from a vote on the second reading of the ratification bill, in which the govern-ment achieved a 244 majority. Some Labour members defied the party line.

Mr Baker was the most prominent backbench MP to put pressure on the government to modify the treaty and slow down the pace of ratification. He said that the best parts of the treaty were those that required no modification, such as foreign and social matters. He added, however, that the treaty was agreed by a "community of 12, not 11 plus one". He said there would have to be "substantial changes and modifications before this House could approve it".

Mr Hurd insisted that

there must be unanimous agreement over the treaty, even if it meant being delayed. There would be no pressure to coerce the Danes into agreement. Achieving unanimous agreement did mean that changes might not take place smoothly but it was a community of democracies which had to be given respect. He promised a debate on the Danish decision before the bill ratifying the treaty, which was shelved last week, re-

turned to the House. John Biffen, a Conservative Euro-sceptic, asked for Mr Hurd's assessment of the statement by Helmut Kohl. the German chancellor, that

the Danish vote would speed

up European integration.

Mr Hurd said that the bill on ratification did not deal only with the issue of decentralisation. Peter Shore, the Labour anti-marketeer and former cabinet minister, said that the Danish vote meant the part of the treaty which required unanimous agreement was dead and Britain should go ahead with those parts which did not require

David Howell, chairman of the foreign affairs select committee in the last parliament. said it was vitally important to\_reinterpret the treaty to reflect the "excellent" work done by John Major in Maastricht and more effort should be made to move away from centralisation. Mr Hurd said Britain would press for a wider Europe and more

Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) suggested the treaty was "lifeless and dead" and demanded: "What on earth is the point of going through the ratification process by the other 11 member states, if it's only to pretend that it has life? There is a better case for renegotiating the treaty to lose the federalism and

Mr Hurd said that would not happen. "All the centralted away, which we got rid of with great difficulty, would

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Gardener's question time: Eric Forth, the schools minister, rests in the shade with Claire Hobbs. 8. after planting a tree at Paddington Green primary school, west London, at the start of national governors week yesterday. Mr Forth was publicising a drive to recruit up to 75,000 new school governors

# **Dublin fights for yes vote**

THE Irish government. aware that hopes of rescuing the Maastricht process depend to a large extent on securing a yes vote in the republic's referendum next week, said yesterday that rejecting the treaty would amount to "economic

Bertie Ahern, the minister for finance, told a meeting of Dublin businessmen that a no vote would be the signal for a big outflow of funds from Ireland and would cause financial difficulties. He said Ireland's ability to secure vital structural funding from the community would be harmed, while all the efforts to stabilise the economy within the European monetary system would be

Mr Ahern's tone reflects fears that the yes vote could be dangerously reduced in the run-up to the June 18 poll.



Reynolds: seeking a united front on treaty

There is concern that the rejection of the treaty in Denmark could give the pro-life lobby renewed impetus.

Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, is today expected to join a united front with leaders of the Progressive Demo-crats. Fine Gael and the Labour party, to try to ensure

that no further ground is lost. The last opinion poll on Maastricht, published in the Irish Times on May 11, found 57 per cent in favour with 11 per cent against and 32 per cent undecided. Most observers in Dublin do not believe Mr Reynolds is in danger of losing the vote and predict it will be carried. though by a reduced margin.

The government is facing a

multiplicity of groups op-posed to the treaty, but for quite different reasons, ranging from the pro-life lobby to women's groups, anti-federalists, those concerned about preserving Ireland's neutrality and the possibility of con-scription into a European army, student groups and organisations representing the unemployed. The biggest threat is the pro-life lobby. Yesterday its leaders said they had "a realistic chance" of

ing bully boy tactics. Des Hanafin, 61, a Fianna Fail senator from Tiperrary. who was effectively thrown out of the parliamentary par-ty last month for refusing to support the referendum bill, said the government was misrepresenting the case. Ireland would not jeopardise its position in the EC if it voted no. nor would its chances of securing structural or other funding be harmed.

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An attempt to prevent the government financing the yes campaign with public money failed at the High Court. Patricia McKenna, a member of the Green party, which opposes the treaty, claimed that the £540,000 spent by the government on advertising, was unconstitutional unless matched by funds for the no

In a second legal action, an application by the Christian Centrist party for an injunction halting the referendum until after a vote on the abortion issue, also failed.

### **Pensioners to get Christmas bonus**

questions, Peter Lilley, the

social security secretary, said

that he was still keeping an

open mind over the issue of

bringing men's and women's

pensionable ages into line but

confirmed that there would

no changes within the com-

ing year. He said that a

number of options, including

making the standard retire-

ment age 60, 63 or 65, were

being considered but it would

be "foolish" to pre-empt the

The government was also

challenged over the value of

continuing the 25p weekly

increase for pensioners aged

80 and over. Barry Field (Isle

of Wight, C) said that the cost

of the extra payment was £26

consultation process.

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PENSIONERS will again receive a Christmas bonus this year, although there will be no increase on last year's £10 payment. Ann Widdecombe, social security junior minister, said that, as payments were a statutory, rather than discretionary provision, there would be no repetition of the cancellation of payments as happened under the last Labour government.
Miss Widdecombe accept-

ed that the value of the bonus had declined but said it would cost £720 million to restore the amount to previous levels. An extra £700 million had been paid to poorer pensioners, and the government considered this an improvement on universal increases.

During social security

### Government to lift sheep scab laws COMPULSORY dipping of

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

sheep, required as a precaution against sheep scab since 1976, is to end, the government, said yesterday. Scab, caused by parasitic mites that live on the skin surface of sheep, will no longer be a notifiable disease. The move brings Britain into line with other EC countries.

Nicholas Soames, a junior agriculture minister, told the Commons in a written reply that responsibility for controlling scab would now rest with sheep farmers, who were well aware of the measures needed to deal with the disease. The government would not hesitate to prosecute farmers who failed to act promptly against

outbreaks. "The dipping of sheep will no longer be compulsory and shortly legislation will be put before Parliament proposing that the disease will cease to be notifiable or subject to statutory control measures when it is discovered," he said. Ministry sources added

later that compulsory dipping had failed to eradicate scab and had been costing the government £200,000 a year to administer. The National Farmers' Union and the National

Sheep Association criticised the decision. "We think com-pulsory dipping is in the in-terests of animal welfare and we will be urging all our flock owners to continue dipping their sheep," Trevor Hayes, the union's chief press officer.

AROUND

### MPs raise legal questions

MPs had their first chance yesterday to put questions directly to the Lord Chancellor's department when John Taylor appeared at the dispatch box in his newly created post of parliamentary secretary **Ouestions** ranged to come to trial to the courts in Calder Valley,

north Yorkshire. Mr Taylor made it clear that the government is concerned about the rising cost of legal aid. Last year it cost the taxpayer £1.15 billion, up a third on the previous year and more than double the gross expenditure four years

### Minister gets rail advice

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has appointed Sir Christopher Foster as his special adviser on the privatisation of British Rail. Sir Christopher, a senior partner at Coopers & Lybrand, will advise Mr MacGregor in a personal capacity and on a part-

### Free lunches

Free school meals were provided for 562,993 children in nursery and primary schools last year, and for a further 235.107 children in secondary schools. Figures for the previous year were 519,228 and 222,929 respectively, Eric Forth, a junior

### Church justice

education minister, said in

a written reply.

Thefts from churches are particularly repugnant, and the answer might be a couple of well-aimed thunderbolts, Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham North West, said at question time. Michael Alison, who answers for the Church Commissioners, replied that the irony was that the best way to keep burglars out of church might be get them into

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### Parliament today

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### million a year. Mr Lilley said the payment would continue. Minister urges council tenants to run estates

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL tenants will be encouraged to set up companies to bid for the right to manage their own estates. under plans announced by the government yesterday.

Sir George Young, the housing minister, told a conference in London that councils would be required to put the work of their housing departments out to private tender within five years. Housing associations and private firms are expected to bid for contracts to run individual council estates, but Sir George said he wanted to see tenants taking the chance to run

their own estates. Tenants aiready have the right to

take over whole estates or tower blocks by setting up a housing association that acquires the freehold. Several councils have also allowed tenants' groups to administer estates.

The plan announced yesterday offers a half-way house between outright transfer and council control in which the council retains ownership while the tenants take over day-to-day management.

Sir George said: "I have nothing but admiration for the tenants who have decided to get involved with the time-consuming and often difficult process of managing their homes and

for what they have achieved. "As part of our proposals for introducing competition we shall turn the privilege which tenants now enjoy at

councils' discretion into a statutory right. I have no doubt that they will turn in excellent management performances."

In cases where groups of tenants already administer estates, the management contract would have to be put out to private tender but the tenants would be able to bid for the

Sir George said that competitive tendering would reduce costs and release funds to improve council houses. "It is about making much better use of the resources available,"

Councils would remain responsible for setting rents and deciding the policy for allocating council homes. Tenants would have a right to sit on

the council committees that awarded the management contracts.

There was, however, one area in which the rights of tenants would have to be reduced. Sir George said that officials had discovered that existing legislation appeared to give ten-ants the right to veto the tendering process, and that right would have to be withdrawn.

Tenants, councils and other interested groups now have three months to comment on the proposals and legislation to introduce the scheme is expected in the autumn

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# Judge hints at appeal release for Demjanjuk

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AN ISRAELI supreme court argument appeared to backfire before the bench and judge yesterday raised for the elicited an angry response from Justice Barak, who said that Demjanjuk had been exfirst time the possibility that John Demjanjuk may win his appeal against his death sentence and go free because of tradited from his home in evidence indicating he is not "Ivan the Terrible", the noto-America in 1987 for specific crimes of genocide at Treblinka, expressly for being rious gas-chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp. Ivan the Terrible In a stormy court exchange

on the eve of the final day of

appeal hearings at the Israeli supreme court, Justice Aha-ron Barak told Michael

Shaked, the prosecuting at-

tomey, that his three-day tes-

imony had failed to link
Demjanjuk conclusively to
the extermination camp in
Poland where eyewitnesses at

the original trial testified he

had murdered 850,000 Jews.

The original conviction has been cast into doubt over the

past year by the discovery of 79 documents from the for-

mer Soviet Union which sug-

gest that another Ukrainian,

who has been identified as

Ivan Marchenko, was the real

mass murderer. The new evi-

dence suggested that Dem-

janjuk was a Wachman

(guard) at the Sobibor death

camp in Poland and later at

the concentration camp at

Flossenburg, Germany, The

whereabouts of Marchenko

During his deliberations, Mr Shaked first admitted

that there could have been two "Ivans" at Treblinka and

then proceeded yesterday to argue that all Ukrainian

guards serving in the SS in Poland during the Holocaust

were guilty of war crimes. "Sobibor, Belzec, Treblinka

were the same camp," said M. Shaked. "The methods

used for extermination were the same. Only geography separated them."

The prosecutor said that as

long as the victim in both cases had been the Jewish

people, the crime was geno-

cide. "The guard is the direct

servant of Satan. All he does

is kill Jews throughout the time he is there," Mr Shaked

said. He urged the court to

give the greatest weight to the testimony at the trial of the

Tieblinka survivors, declaring that that was the "safest

be". An estimated 870,000

Jews were gassed at

However, the prosecutor's

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"Being a Wachman is not an offence," he said. "Genocide is the offence." He went on to tell the stunned court, including several Holocaust survivors, that the prosecution could not charge a man with guilt by association. "If you have no proof beyond reasonable doubt that he [Demjanjuk] was at Treb-linka, then there is no point in proceeding. I would have to release him if he was only a Wachman."

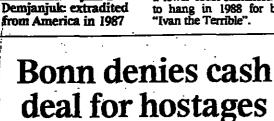
In spite of a spirited de-fence by Mr Shaked, the outburst seemed to damage further the already shaky case tion as the trial comes to a close. The appeal hearing is due to end today when Yoram Sheftel, the defence lawver. makes his final arguments and the justices will then retire to make their decision. probably by the middle to the end of the summer. The fivejudge panel, if it decides to reverse the conviction, could also rule on whether Demjanjuk could be tried on other charges or released.

Their decision, however could be further complicated by the decision on Friday by a United States federal court in Cincinnati, Ohio, to reopen the extradition case against Demjanjuk, because of con-cerns raised by Chief Justice Gilbert Merritt that the retired Ford car worker may have been wrongly accused.

The court in Ohio has ordered both sides in the proceedings to submit fresh evidence to the court by July 25, make their positions known by August 1, and appear at a preliminary hearing in Cin-cinnati on August 11, where Demjanjuk's extradition could be overturaed. Reacting to the news from his home state, Demjanjuk's son John said: "I think this particul ruling is without a doubt the most significant ruling in this case in the past 16 years. The judicial order is the first step to bringing him back to the United States."

Mr Sheftel said that the decision by the American court to reopen Demjanjuk's extradition case showed that it had doubts about Israel's prosecution. "In my opinion, it is a clear expression of dissatisfaction of the American courts with the way the Demjanjuk case is being han-

dled in Israel," he said. The accused was born Ivan Demjanjuk in Ukraine 72 years ago. After being extradited from the United States. a lower court sentenced him to hang in 1988 for being



By RICHARD BEESTON

THE two German hostages still being held by a pro-ranian faction in Lebanon ire expected to be freed imid reports that Bonn has paid several million dollars to the kidnappers and guaranteed the freedom of the imprisoned Hamadi

brothers.
The respected Hebrew laily Haaretz said that conacts were under way hrough Amnon Zichroni. in Israeli lawyer, in which a ansom would be paid to he kidnappers and guarantes given about the release d the Hamadis.

A German foreign minis-ty spokesman said that he new of the report but de-tied its veracity. "The Gernan government's position in hostages is well-known," he said. "Our position is hat we do not make deals." ast Thursday, a government spokesman said he believed there was a good hance that Heinrich truebig, 51, and Thomas tempiner, 31, could be

eleased soon. Although the last of the british and American hos-ages were freed last year. the release of the two Gernans has proved a more Omplicated issue. They ere seized more than three years ago by a faction of the Tehran-backed Hezb-

ollah movement headed by the organisation's security chief, Abdel Hadi Hamadi He has insisted that the men will not be freed until his brothers, jailed in Germany, are also released. Muhammad Hamadi is serving a life sentence for the 1985 bijacking of a TWA airliner to Beirut and the murder of an American passenger. Abbas Hamadi was jailed in 1988 for 13 years for seizing two German businessmen.

In spite of efforts by the United Nations and the European Community, which has withheld aid until the matter is resolved, the issue appeared to have reached a stalemate after Bonn's insistence that it would not make any deals. However, hopes of a release were raised last week during a visit to Lebanon by Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, and a report in the pro-government Tehran Times predicting that the Germans would

soon be free. Yesterday, Fares Bweiz, the Lebanese foreign minister, renewed speculation when he said: "I think a very quick solution to this problem will be found in the next days ... there are just some technical points

to be solved."



Baring arms: one Israeli holidaymaker forgoes beach games to flaunt an assault rifle as a deterrent against terrorists as he builds up his tan at Zifrim

### **PLO blames Mossad for** security chief's killing

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE motive behind the assassination of a Palestine Liberation Organisation official in Paris was still unclear last night as French police opened a formal murder

enquiry.
Atef Bseiso was shot early yesterday by two unidentified men carrying silenced pistols outside the Méridien hotel in Montparnasse: the killers had apparently been lying in wait for him as he returned from dinner and are believed to have escaped on foot.

According to Palestinian sources, Mr Bseiso, in his early forties, was responsible for security measures at the PLO headquarters in Tunis and had only recently arrived in Paris to prepare for talks with the French authorities about improving the protection for prominent members of the organisation living here. "We are not ruling out the possibility that the assassination may have been undertaken by the Israelis," a PLO source in Paris told the Agence France-Presse news

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials last night denied that

Bseiso's killing. Mr Bseiso had worked closely with Abu Iyad, head of PLO security, until his murder in Tunis in January last year. The PLO at first blamed Mossad, the Israeli secret service, for Iyad's death until it emerged that he was killed by the enemy within — a bodyguard turncoat acting for the radical Palestinian group led by Abu

Iyad, who was gunned down on the eve of the Gulf war, had spoken out against President Saddam Hussein, who had provided Abu Nidal with a bolthole in Baghdad after Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, threw him out.

It is understood that Mr Bseiso was seen in the company of two other men shortly before the shooting in front of the hotel, where he had been staying under an assumed name. This was the sixth assassination of a PLO official in France in the past 20 years, all but one of which occurred in Paris. The lethal sequence began in 1982 with the death of Mahmoud Hamchari, chief representative of the PLO, in an explosion set off by remote control when he answered his telephone. The most recent victim was Fadl Dani, deputy director of the Paris operation, killed in a car bomb a decade ago.

Although the Israeli security services are suspected of involvement in some of those killings, sources close to the PLO in Paris do not rule out the possibility that Mr Bseiso was shot down by members of the Abu Nidal organisation.

Mr Bseiso's killing comes after a warning last week from Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, to all his senior officers and missions worldwide that Mossad would target the organisation's leaders in advance of Israel's general elections later this month, PLO officials said in Tunis.

One PLO diplomat said that Mossad probably sus-pected Mr Bseiso of involvement in the September 1972 massacre of 11 kidnapped Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics because he had worked since 1969 with Iyad, accused by Israel of plotting the operation. Israel has settied scores with most of the suspected perpetrators of the

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# Tale of two cities bewilders Prussia's nostalgic children

ner of territory on the western edge of the former Soviet Union, is the one place in all Russia where they may be telling the truth when they say there are no vacant hotel rooms. Every week Kaliningrad experiences an influx of several thousand Germans, described patiently by the new city fathers as "nostalgic tourists", visiting or revisiting the city they or their parents knew as Königsberg,

A region closed to foreigners until a year ago and still one of the most militarised in Europe, Kaliningrad has only 1,200 hotel rooms deemed suitable for foreigners, and no money to build more. The "nostalgic tourists", they say, do not spend enough marks.

shed not only by its dearth of hotel rooms. It has no com-German visitors to the imposing city mercial passenger port and that they know as Königsberg find a no international airport. decaying Russian cantonment called There are plans, as there are so often in what used to be Kaliningrad, Mary Dejevsky writes the Soviet Union, but no action. So the Germans travel in large, shiny buses which dominate the country roads like streamlined monsters

from another world. After

they have been in Kalinin-

grad a few hours, the Ger-

mans are part excited, part

shocked. They are excited to

visit the land of their origins and realistic about the

chances that "their" house might have survived the dou-

ble onslaught of ailied

assault and Sovietisation.

The shock derives not so

much from the destruction

as from the greyness, the

poverty and the decay, the legacy of Soviet rule. What

they cannot know, nor even imagine, is that the decay and poverty only mount the further east you go.

The Königsberg that the Germans dimly remember took its place in Europe as an equal with other proud cities of the Baltic. It had shops and banks and offices, city streets and bustle. It had a skyline with a forest of

The city they see is an inelegant conglomeration of old and new, much of it disintegrating. The skyline is gone. The ruin of the city's bombing and left, so it seemed, as a lesson to the Russian settlers) is marooned on a grassy islet. It is overlooked by a more recent ruin: the uncompleted Communist party headquarters, a grey concrete folly built on the site of the princes' palace, which was razed by the Rus-

sians in the 1960s. Outside the immediate centre, however, old German residential suburbs remain intact. Leafy streets are lined with solid, steep-eaved detached houses, many now divided into flats and all highly sought-after in the

first flush of privatisation. A few churches are being restored, but fewer than elsewhere because there are no congregations to receive them back. The Germans evicted after 1945 were Roman Catholics and Lutherans. The settlers were Russian and predominantly

The military have a whole

section of the outer city to themselves. Crumbling high-rise flats with blue panels are ranged in rows around yards where the kha-ki military hardware can just be glimpsed between irregu-lar concrete slabs. The gate-houses to great barrack blocks are guarded by young lads, engaged in horseplay that would be innocent were they not armed. Almost everyone on the streets is in uniform, with the character-



istic Soviet accessories - a half-full string bag, a boxed

cake, a bunch of flowers. The countryside must be much as it was, perhaps scruffier. Bay horses and Friesian cows graze in the fields. Tumbledown wooden houses are sheltered by stands of trees, old trees, recognisably European trees. But the place names have been changed. Names of far-flung Russian towns names, with the people, were

The Kaliningrad people seem not to resent the "nostalgic tourists". They see them more as foreign visitors than as potential claimants. They like to see their city recover its history; they fix Königsberg stickers on their cars and Königsberg posters on their walls and learn German at evening classes. Nor is there widespread fear of what may lie ahead.

Perhaps eight months has been too short a time for the second generation of Russian settlers to absorb the reality of their plight, cut off from Russia by the independent Baltic states. Some. however, have absorbed it all too well and hope that Kaliningrad's fortunes can only

and regions reappear here in improve. The city flourished a rural version. The German as abort, open to the world and could do so again.

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Kaliningrad's situation, in the centre of the new configuration of Europe, will serve it well. And if the Russian authorities are blowing hot and cold about making it into a free-trade zone, perhaps the Germans might be interested. And if the Ger-

mans were to stake a territorial Hairn? They might find a far from hostile reception. Moscow: A man from the breakaway Caucasus republic of Chechenia was killed by security forces at Vnukovo airport, Moscow, after attempting to hijack an Aeroflot jet from Grozny to Turkey with a grenade, Tass said. The man, who was in his thirties, had threatened to blow up a Tupolev-134

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### Czechoslovakia's future in the balance

# **Election winners** jockey for power

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BRATISLAVA

TWO men in whose hands power rests following the Czechoslovak elections squared up yesterday for talks that will decide whether Slovakia and the Czech Lands stay together as a federation.

The tandem of Vaclay Klaus, nominated as the provisional federal prime minister, and Vladimir Meciar, a Slovak, was created by the general elections on Saturday. The result gave Mr Klaus, the finance minister and architect of market reform, a majority in the Czech parliament and Mr Meciar's Movement for Democratic Slovakia a more significant lead in the Slovak assembly.

Now both men have to negotiate the shape of a federal government. The key issue control of the Czechoslovak economy - is unlikely to be settled without a struggle and some radical new thinking. Mr Klaus's Civic Democratic party is committed to voucher privatisation and shock therapy treatment in heavy industry, much of which is based in

He also wants in the first instance to keep Czechoslovakia together. Mr Meciar wants to slow down the pace of economic change and protect Slovak industry. He is willing to take Czechoslovakia to the point of divorce to

achieve that aim. Much depends on the individual personalities of the two men. Both present an unflinching image of dogmatic politicians and are said, even by their friends, to be highhanded, sometimes arrogant, decision makers. What is unknown is their capacity for

Mr Klaus is a debonair man who is proud of his collection of silk ties and was never a dissident. He was an academic economist, schooled in the theories of market capitalism, an unconventional but permissible position during the communist

Mr Meciar was a Marxist, was educated in Moscow and was enthusiastic about the Prague Spring of Alexander Dubcek. After 1968 he lost his party card and worked in a glass factory. After the velvet revolution he became Slovak prime minister until he was ousted for his authoritar--

As interior minister he was also involved in some mysterious shuffling of secret police files. Even his closest allies have no clear idea what he believes in, but it appears to be an amalgam of reform socialism and Slovak

Mr Klaus is a former basketball player while Mr Meciar is a former boxer: the difference in their physique is reflected in their political style. Where Mr Klaus is a stretcher. Mr Meciar is a

It seems that the times favour punchers. Mr Meciar goes into negotiations with three plausible variants. He can insist on a Slovak finance minister in the federal government. He can press for some form of dual control over the economy, with a policy for Slovaks and one for zechs. Or he can withdraw from the federal government altogether and announce that Bratislava will run its own economic show.

That final option would be a knockout blow, in effect a unilateral declaration of independence. The first two options are bruising jabs at Mr Klaus, with some ducking and weaving he might be able to survive. Certainly if the politicians decide that there should be two economic policies, one for Slovaks and one for Czechs, then the institustate will have to be changed. It would mean the end of federalism, but not necessar-

ily the end of Czechoslovakia. Mr Klaus is the weaker of the two politicians. Although he was the winner in the Czech parliament, in the federal parliament there is a large block of leftist and Slovak parties that are opposed to his market reforms. Politically and psychologically, he is reluctant to yield his personal control over the

economy.

The most likely outcome of this week's early negotiations between the two men is that Mr Meciar will stall and allow a power vacuum to open up at the centre. He has made plain that he will not support President Havel's bid for reelection. With the present balance of forces that suggests that Mr Havel has no chance of success.

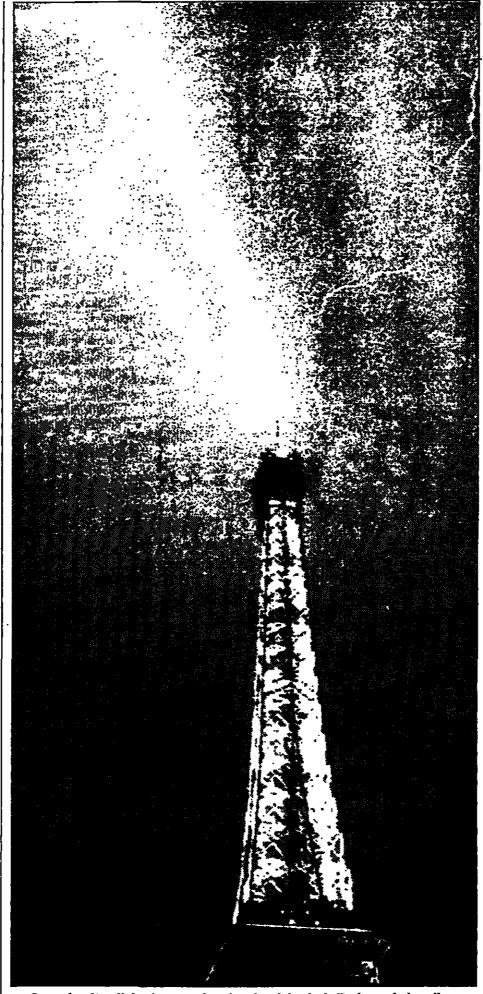
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appeared yesterday to have chosen as president a for-

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Son et lumière: lightning transforming the night sky in Paris as a bolt strikes the top of the Eiffel Tower during a spectacular thunderstorm

Azerbaijan picks leader with Western outlook

### Yeltsin changes reform tactics

WITH speculation growing in Moscow that Russia's reformist government is being forced to retreat from its rush to a market economy, President Yeltsin promised yesterday that there would be no going back on the strategy of reforms. There would, how-ever, be changes in tactics.

In phrasing reminiscent of his old campaign days. Mr Yeltsin said he knew that people were signing petitions for his resignation, but he insisted: "I will not give up my job so easily. I will not surrender. I will complete what I have begun."

The Russian president was speaking in the industrial city of Nizhni Tagil in the Urals where industry, heavily domi-nated by the defence sector, could collapse without state support, throwing hundreds of thousands out of work. Addressing a meeting in the city square, Mr Yeltsin said: There will be no backtracking on the strategy of reform, but some changes will be made in tactics.'

One of these changes would be continued state control of energy prices, at least until the end of the year. Andrei Nechavey, the minister of economics, introduced price ceilings for energy last month but predicted that the regulated prices would be overtakalternative but to free prices completely.

An undertaking to regulate energy prices was a concession to the hardliners at the Russian Congress of People's Deputies in April. Energy is one of the few areas where prices are still controlled by the state, and even Mr Yeltsin's supporters predict widespread hardship if fuel prices

One spectre lurking behind Mr Yeltsin's "tactical changes" is likely to be mass unemployment concentrated in areas, like Yekaterinburg, where the defence sector is dominant. Yesterday, Fedor Prokopov, the chairman of the parliamentary committee on employment, predicted up to four million unemployed by the end of the year, leaving a 30 per cent gap between the budget for benefits and the amount needed.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF **Italians**

By Mary Dejevsky

called on the former commu nist Democratic Party of the Left to open its archives after Russian officials disclosed that Italian Marxist militants received training at a KGB spy school as recently as 1974 (John Phillips writes). The Italian Communist Party changed its name in

February last year, but its records are not available to scholars. "With the death of communism there is no reason for this custom to exist." said Luciano Canfora, a historian.

Mikhail Poltoranin. the Russian information minister, has produced documents showing that 19 Italian activists received KGB training in cyphers, camouilage, disguises, forging documents and other cloak-and-dagger skills in Moscow in 1974.

### Mujahidin to release PoWs

London: The British diplomatic mission, just returned from Kabul under the leadership of Martin Williams, head of the Foreign Office's South Asia department has been told that two former Soviet soldiers still held in Afghanistan by Mujaridin fighters loyal to Ahmad Shah Masood, now minister of defence, are to be released. Afghan deputy foreign minis-

ter, told the delegates that about 20 former Soviet prisoners were still being held.

### Berlin delay

Bonn: Moving the German parliament and government from Bonn to the new capital. Berlin, has been delayed until 1998, said Rita Süssmuth. the parliamentary Speaker. She said that the move would cost up to 13 billion marks (£4.5 billion). (Reuter)

### Ossetia shelled

Moscow: At least ten people were killed and 40 wounded as Georgian irregulars shelled Tskhinvali, the capital of the breakaway region of South Ossetia, and used tanks and armoured personnel carriers to block routes to the city, Tass said. (Reuter)

### Demirel gains

Ankara: Turkey's two-party ruling coalition strengthened its hand in local elections. taking almost 60 per cent of the vote, state radio said. The centre-right True Path party of Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, won 34.5 per cent of the vote. (Reuter)

### Far right rises

Stockholm: The far-right New Democracy party, which wants to restrict immigration to Sweden and cut the country's huge taxes, has doubled its support to 12.5 per cent since it appeared on the political scene last year, an opinion poll showed. (Reuter)

### Swiss protests

Zurich: Andres Studer a Zurich teacher, has asked the Swiss supreme court to decide whether the federal government exceeded its constitutional powers in applying to join the European Community on May 18 and was gully

### Killer confesses

Bastia, Corsica: A man convicted of murder twice before admitted killing an Italian couple at Corte in Corsica. Police said Antoine Lorenzi told them he shot the couple last week after becoming fed up with finding cigarctic ends on his balcony. (AFP)

### seize Serb guns By Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

**Bosnians** try to

SARAJEVO suffered some of the worst shelling of the civil war yesterday and Bosnian defence forces launched a series of counter-attacks in an effort to knock out Serbian artillery overlooking the city, Sarajevo radio said.

Shells, rockets and mortars fell every two minutes on the city and thousands of exhausted citizens were trapped without food, water or electricity, having reached what a Bosnian journalist described as "the end of endurance". People prayed for United Nations Security Council action to reopen the airport to let in humanitarian aid.

Late in the day Muslim forces seized part of a Serb bastion in hills above the capital, local journalists reported.

A Bosnian university professor, an ethnic Serb who has been sharing the plight of Muslims and Croats in their basements for weeks, said: "In some parts of the city, because of burst waterpipes, children are already suffering from dehydration. We no longer feel like civilised beings and some of us are drinking the dirty water even though we are aware of what this might cause."

Brigadier General Lew MacKenzie, chief of staff of the 14,000-strong United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia, said a 1,000strong contingent of troops. communications experts and medical staff was merely "waiting for word" from the security council to go in and secure Sarajevo airport. But Brigadier General MacKenzie, deputy commander of the peacekeeping force, said that severe logistical problems remained which would require far more troops to be involved if relief held at Serb border posts, due to a UN sanctions committee oversight, is to reach its destination.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia has issued two appeals for help. One to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, spoke of the

danger of an ecological catastrophe for Central and Southeast Europe should the chemical plant in Tuzla, an overwhelmingly Muslim town surrounded by Serbs, be hit. The second, to President Yeltsin of Russia, pleaded for additional pressure on Bel-grade by Moscow to stop further devastation of Bosni-

an towns and villages. In Belgrade, tear gas was thrown into the home of a Kuwait news agency correspondent. Jassin Rawashdeh, who was among the foreign journalists to have received death threats, said that an anonymous caller told him: "You dirty Arab and Muslim,

we wili kill you." King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has donated \$8 million (£4.4 million) to Muslims in Bos-nia. The official Saudi news agency SPA, which was monitored in Cyprus, quoted the Okaz daily as saying that King Fahd had donated the money "from his own pock-et". The paper said that the ple" for Saudis to "give donations to their brothers in Bosnia-Herzegovina".

In Zagreb, President Tudjman of Croatia said that he planned to meet Mr Izetbegovic this week to discuss a possible confederation between the two former Yugo-slav states. "We have to start considering the question of our future relations," Mr Tudiman said.

Three French soldiers of the UN peacekeeping force were killed and one seriously injured when their armoured vehicle plunged off a bridge at Medak in southwestern Croatia on Sunday, the French defence ministry said. • Ljubljana: Ivan Kramberger, 56, a Slovenian presidennal candidate, was shot dead at an election meeting on Sunday in Jurovski Dol by a man arrested yesterday, the interior ministry said.

Sarajevo bombarded, page 1 Letters, page 13

A Muslim republic has voted for a president who may act as a catalyst for other former Soviet regions. Robert Seely writes from Baku

anti-communist leader for 70 years. Provisional results from sia's sphere of influence and reorient it towards Tur-Sunday's poll, the first contested elections for the leadership of the former Soviet state, indicated that Abdul-West. Although little known beyond the region, the new Azerbaijani leader is a refaz Elchibey, 54, has won spected figure in Turkey, whose leading political par-ties gave him material supbetween 60 and 70 per cent of the popular vote. While final results from remote re-

ten days, the Popular Front, a nationalist movement which Mr Elchibey heads, is already claiming victory on his behalf over the four other candidates. Azerbaijan's break with the communist past will have serious repercussions for Central Asia and the Karabakh. The new president, one of Middle East, possibly act-

publics of the former Soviet Union where the old guard Mr Elehibey, a former history professor, is expect-ed to pull his ethnically Turkic country out of Rus-

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port and advice. By charting a genuinely independent foreign policy, Mr Elchibey risks angering Iran as well as Russia. Azerbe increased tension with baijan is in a state of war with its western neighbour, Armenia, over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-

the founders of the Popular Front and its campaign against Soviet authority in Azerbaijan, has pledged to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Independent States, a move that could alienate the Yeltsin administration. However, the election's first outcome may



Iran, where millions of ethnic Azerbaijanis may now be tempted to look to the nationalist government in Baku for cultural leadership, if nothing more.

Over the weekend, Mr Elchibey accused Iran of being a "totalitarian regime which covers itself in Islamic slogans". Many Azerbai-janis accuse Iran of showing bias towards the Armenians in its peacemaking efforts in Nagornotainly potential dangers from Iran's point of view. They feel threatened by Azerbaijan becoming independent," a Turkish observ-The war in Nagorno-Ka-rabakh has humiliated and

destabilised Azerbaijan. There are hundreds of thousands of refugees in Baku, both from Armenia proper and from Nagorno-Karabakh.

While Turkey has sup-plied some humanitarian aid, the former Azerbaijani government failed to provide the war victims with adequate support. As election results were being counted, several hundred people made homeless in the recent fighting picketed parliament demanding accommodation. "We have got only what we can carry. we have no means of exis-Vladimir

Kaganovone, a refugee, By the standards of former Soviet republics with little experience of democracy, observers judged the elections to be satisfactory. Infringements were judged to be the result of disorgani-

rigging.Since Azerbaijan proclaimed independence last August, the economic with the collapse of tradi-tional economic ties. Little is left of the oil-based prosperity that once made Baku one of the wealthiest cities in the region.

 Chisinau: Several people were killed and wounded in renewed fighting that has broken out between Moldavian forces and Slav separatists in Transdnestr, the breakaway region in eastern Moldavia, the Moldavian defence ministry said.

two Moldavian police officers were seriously wounded and there were a number of dead and wounded among forces of the selfstyled republic of Transdnestr during fighting around the village of Koshnitsa. Early yesterday, Transdnestrian guards at-tacked a hydro-electric dam at Dubossary.

They destroyed one electrical transformer and caused 20 tons of oil to leak into the Dnestr river, offici-

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# Chalker voices anger over drop in UK foreign aid budget

FROM MICHAEL McCarthy, environment correspondent, in Rio de Janeiro AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BARONESS Chalker, the overseas development minister, yesterday brought British cabinet differences over Third World aid into the open by expressing her anger at a recent drop in Britain's overseas aid budget and giv-ing a personal undertaking to ensure that it is increased. Her comments at the Earth

summit in Rio de Janeiro will embarrass John Major and put him in a difficult position at the summit, intensifying pressure on him to signal an increase in aid flows, the sum-mit's single thorniest prob-lem, when he addresses the conference later this week. Action Aid, the development pressure group welcomed Lady Chalker's commitment, saying: "We shall hold her to it, and we now expect to hear her voice and her determination echoed by John Ma-

jor echoed in his speech." Officials from nearly 180 countries yesterday at last began to negotiate a summit



text on new aid, on which agreement has proved impossible for the past nine months because of a split between the industrialised nations of the north, the donors, and the developing countries of the Third World, the recipients. The text now under discussion makes frequent mentions of the large sums need-

### Bush aims bill at balanced budget

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

YOU can't fool all the people all the time, Lincoln once warned, but in Washington this week President Bush and Congress will do their best to prove him wrong.
Tomorrow the House of

Representatives, with the White House rooting from the sidelines, will begin de-bating what would be the 27th amendment to the US Constitution, a measure mandating a balanced federal budget each year.

It is a siren-call for a country whose national debt has quadrupled to \$4,000 billion (£2,200 billion) since 1981. that pays \$200 billion a year to service that debt and which faces a record deficit of \$400 billion this year alone. And in an election year there is a real danger of the amend-

ment passing. In a stroke the congressmen hope to alleviate public anger at their years of chronic ineffectiveness. Conversely, they fear opposing the amendment would be political suicide. Likewise ramming it through Congress would make Mr Bush appear a strong, decisive leader bent

on radical change. We can choose either to accept the status quo, piling debt upon debt," he declared last week. "Or we can strike a bold new course restoring fiscal sanity to federal government." In reality the amendment would almost certainly prove as illusory as Ronald

De Klerk

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FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN

IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk arri-

ved home last night, glowing with pleasure at the success of

his eight-day three-country

tour. He was able to share the

limelight with President Yelt-

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Reagan's supply-side economics, the Gramm-Rudman Act and all the other brave new budget-balancing plans of the 1980s. It does not say how a balanced bud-get should be achieved.

The White House, stretching even its own limited credibility, insists that a balanced budget could be achieved through economic growth alone (for the record, Mr Bush's 1990 budget promised to balance the books by 1993, his 1991 budget by 1995 and this year's by 1997 at the earliest).

Leon Panetta, House budget committee chairman and a rare sane voice, calculates that spending cuts or tax increases worth a staggering quired and insists no politician would have the guts to inflict that sort of pain. He calls the amendment "a

crutch for failed leadership". Two-thirds of the House and Senate and three-ouarters of state legislatures must approve the amendment. The Democratic leadership is fighting a strong rearguard

action. Charles Stenholm, Democratic sponsor of the most widely-backed House version, undoubtedly had the necessary 290 votes lined up but Speaker Tom Foley believes support is weakening. In the Senate, which votes later this month, the result is also

ed to pay for the summit's work programme in the Third World, and suggests that donor countries should meet the UN's aid target, 0.7 per cent of gross domestic product as soon as possible, which Britain is unlikely to accept. Britain is currently spending less than half the target figure, the subject which drew forth Lady Chalk-er's unusual admission of anger, and her pledge of an

Addressing an informal meeting on population policy, the summir's other thorny problem, she said that the fall in the aid budget in the calendar year 1990 from 0.3 to 0.27 per cent of Britain's gross domestic project about £1.8 billion which was one of the lowest levels in recent times, and drew much criticism upon Britain, had occurred "much to my

However, she said, it had been a statistical anomaly, and over the past five years the budget had averaged 0.3 per cent. Speaking to journal-ists after the meeting, Lady Chalker said that she had to try to persuade her Cabinet colleagues "that we should be spending at least 0.3 per

She said: "I will get that figure up, but you have to let me do it in my own time." declining to put numbers or dates on her ambition. "What I have to do as a government minister is to balance the enormous need in the developing world with the preparedness of people to pay in Britain," she said. "I am aware from my mail bag that there are a lot of people who think I am spending far too much money, and I have to

try and educate them." Lady Chalker spoke equally forthrightly on the population question, implicitly criticising the Pope for his most recent pronouncement on birth control, and said that if population growth was not checked it would be a real threat to world peace.
In America, Bill Reilly,

head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, said in a television interview yesterday that Britain was willing to sign a key treaty at the Earth summit because it knew that America's opposition would eventually have some of the objectionable provisions removed.

Mr Major had originally indicated that Britain would not sign the biodiversity treaty protecting plant and animal species and their habitats, Mr Reilly said. "He has since decided that,

well, he will agree to go along

with this treaty for now."

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### Security tightens for Major oil visit

FROM ROBIN OAKLEY IN WASHINGTON AND CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

TIGHT security will surround John Major's visit to-morrow to British Petroleum's Cusiana oilfield in Colombia, believed to be the biggest find in the southern hemisphere for 20 years.

Colombian troops and guerrilla forces from the left-ist National Liberation Army fought a battle last week at Yopal near by and the rebels have blown up pipelines from the state-run Cano Limón oilfield more than 60 times. The rebels have been known to fire on oil company helicopters like the one which will

carry Mr Major. The Cusiana field, in which BP has a 40 per cent stake, is potentially the biggest find since Alaska in the late 1960s. The British company is planning to spend \$1 billion (£546 million) developing it by 1994.

Mr Major chose Colombia for his South American stopoff en route to the Earth summit in Brazil for several reasons. He went there as a government whip in 1984. As foreign secretary in 1989 he was one of the first to respond to the appeals of the then President Barco for outside help in fighting the drug bar-

ons who have made Colombia the world's largest exporter of cocaine. Colombia, which has close British ties, was the one South American country unequivocally to condemn the Argentine invasion of the Falklands in 1982.

Mr Major, who will have talks with President Gaviria, wants to see and hear for himself the anti-drug cam-paign for which Britain has provided £10 million in assistance with machinery and training of customs officers. Intelligence from Colombia resulted in the seizing of three tonnes of cocaine in Europe year. Of the 70 tonnes seized in Colombia in 1991, 46 tonnes were seized by British-

trained officers. Mr Major's trip is not with-out risk. Colombia remains a country driven by violence. The drug barons still attempt to frighten off the authorities with assassinations and guerrilla groups such as the National Liberation Army practice kidnapping, extor-

tion and terrorism. The visit comes at a time when Colombia is spiralling deeper into another of those cycles of undeclared civil war

which have wracked its longsuffering population for much of the past century. In recent weeks at least 100 people have been killed in a renewed offensive involving leftwing guerrillas, the army and rightwing death squads hown of deact talks between the government and the Simon Bolivar coordinating board, which groups two insurgent forces.

More than 40,000 people were killed in civil violence during the 1980s. America's Watch, a New York human rights group, says 3,500 people were killed in political murders in Colombia last year and the rate has since

The upsurge in violence. which has centred on Barrancabermeja, the centre of Colombia's oil and gold industries, has been fed by the anger among the poor over their worsening economic plight at a time when the rich across Latin America have benefited from political reform and the freeing of markets. Punitive new taxes, imposed under army pressure this month to finance the fight against the guerrillas. are threatening President Gaviria's efforts to generate

economic growth. Since President Gaviria's election in 1990 the 100year-old constitution hasbeen redrafted and the judicial and tax system reformed. Señor Gaviria sought a way out of the drug conflict by offering the traffickers immunity from extradition to the in jail terms of up to half if they surrendered and

However, critics say that the traffickers defeated the government. The cocaine industry is still thriving partly under the control of leaders now residing in comfortable special prisons, according to the American authorities.

The Simon Bolivar guerrillas, who include communists, Maoists and Catholic "liberation theologians", increased their terror campaign last month after the suspension of the peace talks in Mexico.

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Fidel Ramos has widened his

lead at the halfway mark in

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tial poll, but said it was not yet

President Moi of Kenya will

stop in South Africa today for

talks with the African Nat-

ional Congress leader, Nel-

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A flag bearer at the World

Chess Olympiad in Manila

arrested for threatening to

impale President Aquino on

his flagpole said he was only

joking and was freed on bail.

Kenyan head of state.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Indonesia votes in tame poll

Jakarta: Indonesians vote today in tightly controlled elections that pose no threat to President Suharto's 26-yearold administration. A five-day "cooling off" period ended resterday during which public politicking was banned after the formal 25-day campaign period.

This is the sixth election since Indonesia declared independence from the Dutch in 1945, and the fifth since Mr Suharto took power with military backing in 1966. Mr Suharto and his vice-president are retired generals and more than a dozen of the 41 cabinet ministers are active or retired officers.

The election is the only sanctioned public political event in the world's fourth most populous country. Critics dismiss it as a contrived ritual that is useful only to let off steam. Supporters say it provides training for an eventual return to true civilian

Parliament acts mainly as a sounding board for public grievances and endorser of government policies. It has never initiated legislation. The three contesting parties support the president and, under the rules, are not sup-posed to offend the government.

### Pact holds

Kabul: A recent peace pact between warring Afghan guerrilla factions is still holding, and Abdul Ali Mazari, leader of the Hezb-l-Wahadat group, said almost all the more than 2,000 hostages seized during fighting had been freed. (Reuter)

### Rwanda accord

Paris: Rwanda's government and the rebel Patriotic Front signed an agreement after talks here to hold a peace conference, probably in Afri-ca, to try to end the two-year civil war in the central African nation, according to diplomatic sources. (Reuter)

### Cigarette ban

Singapore: The government, alarmed by a rising incidence of smoking among teenagers, is to ban the sale of cigarettes to under-18s, or possibly even under-21s, health officials said. Singapore would be the first Asian country to adopt such a measure. (AFP)

### Coins ruling

Tokyo: A district court has dismissed claims by Paul Davies, a British coin dealer, that 3,200 coins confiscated in 1990 were genuine. Police are investigating a suspected international racket in bogus gold coins. But no arrests have yet been made. (AFP)

### Film success

Los Augeles: The blockbuster film Lethal Weapon 3, starring Danny Glover, has hit the \$100 million mark in box office receipts three weekends after its release. Only three other films have taken \$100 million more quickly, Warner Brothers said. (Reuter)

### Taiwan visited

Taipei: The first group of Chinese scientists, including five members of the Communist party, to visit Taiwan in more than four decades has arrived to discuss the development of scientific exchange in agriculture, physics and medicine. (Reuter)

Hippos to move Johannesburg: Conservationists have drafted a plan to move 300 hippopotamuses from Transvaal rivers in South Africa's droughtstricken north to other areas,

notably the coastal province

of Natal. Six of the animals

have died in two weeks. (AFP)

### **Acid revenge**

Dhaka: Angry villagers in northern Bangladesh hacked a man to death after he killed his bride of three days by spraying her with acid. He had learnt that her parents could not pay 7,000 taka (£109) promised as a dowry payment (Reuter)

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# Japanese MPs vote for troops to serve abroad

A BILL allowing Japanese troops to serve abroad for the first time since the second world war was passed by the upper house of the Diet last night when socialist members decided to abandon laborious delaying tactics after three elderly socialist members were taken ill.

The controversial bill, passed by 137 votes to 102 in a full midnight session in the 252-seat House of Councillors, was sent to the House of Representatives for final approval. But the main opposition Social Democratic party (socialists) and the Communist party vowed to continue resisting the bill in the lower chamber. They contend that the bill violates Japan's postwar pacifist constitution that bans the use of force in

settling conflicts. For four days and nights politicians trying to vote on the bill had been stalled by the introduction of extraneous motions by the socialist party and by a peculiar voting tactic called the "ox walk", a method of voting which involves inching forward at an agonisingly slow pace towards the ballot box. Any observer of such activities could be forgiven for wondering whether Japanese political etiquette is

learnt at kindergarten. Last week an ugly brawl erupted in a parliamentary committee meeting over the peacekeeping operations bill, proposed by the ruling Liberal Democratic party

Socialists have fought bitterly for their pacifist principles, Joanna Pitman writes in Tokyo

and designed to send Japanese soldiers abroad as part of United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Despite the socialists' determination to prevent pas-sage of the bill, they appeared long ago to have run out of intellectual rebuttals to the Liberals plan. Earlier yesterday, Koza-

buro Yamada, an opposition member who set a new record of 50 minutes for traversing the 40 yards from his seat to the ballot box, was basking in the accolades of his colleagues and acting as pacemaker to other socialist voters, instructing them in a kind of soft-shoe shuffle as they dawdled painfully slowly to-

wards the podium. The marathon voting sessions had caused much discomfort, not least to the burgeoning ranks of Liberal octogenarians. By yesterday morning more than 30 frail and exhausted members were being revived in the Diet's internal medical centre, hooked up to drips or being pumped with vitamin supplements.
"It is inhumane. I think

many people wanted to go

to the bathroom, but these

people employ strong-arm methods," the Liberals' Shi-

Yomiuri newspaper. The ebullient Kinuko Öfuchi, of the socialists, said: "I prepared myself physically for the ox-walk vote. I feel proud to demonstrate my resistance to the bill and will stick to our tactics until it is killed."

The scene yesterday in the Diet, as members limbered up for a fourth consecurive all-night session. was something alon to that of an overnight channel fer-ry without berths. Elderly men were curled up under their chairs to get a few hours' sleep. Others had stretched out on the carpet in the aisles and a few were doing stretching exercises. their suits crumpled and ties awry.

Secretaries turned out to form a production line. churning out instant pot noodles and miso soup during the recesses. Akiko Santo, a former

science and technology agency director in the Liberal party, said: "If we continue to do these things. people will think the Diet foolish." But members of the public in Tokyo yesterday seemed to have long ago decided that the Diet proceedings are nothing short of an embarrassment. 'How can we hold our heads up to the rest of the world with this idiocy going on in our parliament?" asked one businessman. They are just like petulant schoolboys," a housewife

### China fails to yield on airport

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

LORD Wilson, the outgoing Hong Kong governor, last night held his final session of talks with Li Peng, the Chinese premier, but failed to reach a breakthrough on the airport project, which has dogged his last years in office.

ly that the issue will now be discussed by Mr Li and John Major when they meet at the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro. "I made the point that we wanted to go ahead with the airport and carry on the work as quickly as possible," Lord Wilson said. "I think that is the common interest of both sides. The prime minister said that was also his wish." China has been complaining that the cost of the airport is soaring, and will leave the territory's coffers empty when it takes over in 1997. Yesterday neither side suggested that they were any nearer a resolution. Mr Li praised Lord Wilson and said Hong Kong had become more stable and prosperous

ly elected seats in Hong Kong's legislature.

during his term.

China is also concerned about Hong Kong's political future, and its effect on the stability of the mainland. During talks with Lu Ping, director of China's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, Lord Wilson is believed to have given assurances that Britain will not unilaterally increase the number of direct-

# Mother in dingo

Her 21-year marriage to a It appears increasingly like-

> Mr and Mrs Chamberlain had claimed that a dingo dragged their nine-week-old daughter Azaria away from their campsite near Ayers Rock in central Australia in August 1980. A murder conviction was later thrown out, and the government paid compensation.

> The Los Angeles police chief. Daryl Gates, said he would retire at the end of the month as planned and not carry out his threat to prolong his controversial tenure because of a dispute over the appointment of commanders.

Romania's supreme court has a 16-year jail sentence.

PEOPLE :

murder.

# case to remarry

quitted of Australia's socalled "dingo murder" of her baby daughter almost 12 years ago, is to remarry.

former Seventh Day Adventist pastor, Michael Chamberlain, ended in divorce last year, and she has told an Australian magazine that she is going to marry John Hampton Creighton, 35. an American she met while on a US lecture tour.

postponed until June 22 a hearing to review a genocide conviction for which Nice Ceausescu, 40, the son of the late Stalinist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, is serving

Alpha Onmar Konare, 46, was sworn in as Mali's first democratically elected presi-

# The snare of wedded bliss

Middle-class romantic ideals endanger the aristocracy, argues Janet Daley

Romance is

fine for

those with

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refined by

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poetry and

19th-century

novels

onstitutional crisis there may not be, but the feeling in the bus queues is that it is rather a bad show. Couldn't the heir to the throne and his wife just grit their teeth and bear it for duty's sake? Must royals or their appointed friends resort to gross indiscretion to vie for popular sympathy? And what is all the fuss about anyway: how many royal

marriages have truly been happy? There was a time when monarchs endured the private agonies of their marriages with honour-able dignity. Indeed they scarcely regarded marriage as a source of personal happiness. The preservation of dynasties, the forging of foreign alliances and above all the need for heirs were the priorities. If the participants were able to tolerate each other beyond the brief intimacy required to produce an "heir and a spare", then it was an unexpected bonus. They were fortunate even to have much of a say in the matter, since affairs of state were far too important to be left to the whim of infatuation.

Part of the job description of monarch was to make a match which would be profitable for his country in trade or military terms. Romantic love and sexual pleasure were quite different, and were to be pursued with abandon depending on the mores of the times.

And the rest of the aristocracy generally followed suit. International alliances may not have been at stake, but the con-

tinuity of estates and titles meant that marriage had to be a business-like arrangement. Like the royals around whom they orbited. the inheriting classes took a view of matrimony and family life gen-erally which combined civility with cynicism in more or less

When Edward VII was on his deathbed, Queen Alexandra is reputed to have summoned his mistress to his side so that she could share his final moments. This was certainly magnanimous, but it also showed that she saw her marriage very differently from the way most of her subjects understood the institution then (which is how even more people view it now).

For that was before the ideas of romance and marriage became entwined in the middle-class ideal. What we all seem to want now whether we are royal, titled, suburban or plebeian — is the lifelong love match: the partnership of soul-mates which will combine sexual fulfilment with companionship, and the sharing of children with a meeting of minds. One of the factors in the royal marriage débâcle seems to be the discrepancy between the old idea that monarchs marry out of duty and afterwards (as the euphemism goes) "live their own lives", and the middle-class model, which has now become so universal that it has permeated the highest and the lowest reaches of society.

The cold but functional contract that was once accepted by the

upper classes has given way across the board, as have the rigours of working-class (usually common law) marriage, brutalised by hardship and depravity, which prevailed in earlier centuries. Bourgeois family life is now seen as the birthright of every member of every class. Based on what social historians call "companionate marriage" - in which two people choose each other out of affection with a view, as they say in the personal ads, to lifelong partnership - the idea of the happy family is

not new in itself, but it is a novelty to some sections of the population. It is not only at the palace that this preoccupation with marriage as the ultimate relationship is causing havoc. Among the working classes, where the divorce rate is soaring, the damage is incalculable. Urged by every woman's magazine to examine endlessly the quality of their union and evaluate every facet of their sexual and emotional rapport for flaws, working-class wives feed their own dissatisfaction. Husbands un-

equipped by up-bringing for the formidable analysis which ever-vigi lant middle-class marriage requires, simply become defensive and hostile. For what began with romantic fiction has been elaborated by psycho-

Relationships are not only the mainspring of life, they are the principal subject of meaningful discussion. A relationship that cannot be talked about is no

you are the articulate product of a literary education whose sensibilities have been refined by 18thcentury poetry and 19th-century novels. Not only are you then at home with the sentiments of romantic love, but you even have a command of the verbal currency of those emotions. Hard luck on those who have not read the books or had the adolescent apprenticeship in talking about their feelings which is the particular speciality of the verbally facile young. Almost equally deprived in this respect are the thick-skinned, bone-headed aristocracy and the educationally shortchanged proletariat.

relationship at all. Which is fine if

The disappointments of the inarticulate can be remedied by a fairer distribution of education and self-regard. For the royals there is no such easy solution.

The sacrifice of a personal life must once have seemed a fair price for the power and privilege of monarchy. What did it matter being forced to marry a trout if your kingdom could gain greater influence and glory? But for what are the present lot being asked to give up the ubiquitous dream of private contentment? For a starring role in a tabloid fantasy? To be the linchpin of a tourist theme park? Before we accept too readily that the monarchy itself is under no threat from the latest scandal, perhaps we should ask what sort of contradictory demands are being put on the lives of people who are not so unlike the rest of us as they

### Frank Field welcomes help for the Maxwell pensioners as the first step to real reform

Y esterday's statement by the government on Maxwell's theft of pension funds broke new ground. I was both surprised and pleased by the passion which erupted from Peter Lilley, the social services secretary, when he dealt with who should make contributions to rebuilding the funds. The banks were told to return assets to which morally they had no right. But others, the companies and advisers who had done well out of the Maxwell years, were told to contribute. So were

the Maxwell familly. The very limited drip feeding of pension funds over the next few years is the right approach, it will maintain pensions as well as keeping up the pressure to regain

stolen or misappropriated assets. This pressure will now be maintained along a wide front. First, by preventing the bankruptcy of any of the pension funds, the govern-ment has ensured that they remain in existence to carry out their legal responsibilities, above all to regain where possible those assets which have gone missing.

We have yet to find out if any of

the privately owned Maxwell companies, or the Maxwell trusts based in Liechtenstein, have any of the pension assets on their books. One reason why financial A pensions liferaft

organisations go to countries like Liechtenstein is that they can ringfence themselves from normal financial investigations. The special unit which Mr Lilley announced to play a stratregic role in the battle to regain these funds is another welcome initiative.

On other fronts - preventing drug barons from hiding away their loot, and clamping down on international terrorism — the govemment has taken the lead in reaching new international agree-ments. It should now act similarly in cases involving financial fraud. As well as reducing the eventual bill the taxpayer has to foot, the drip-feeding of pension funds has another advantage. By keeping the pension funds in existence, the government ensures that they can continue to receive pension contri-butions from both workers and

fully rebuilding the financial basis of the schemes. The government's rescue plan is in its own political interests as well. The financial watchdog Imro has

new employers. This again helps

the long-run objective of success-



Embezzler: Robert Maxwell

now completed its report on how Maxwell was allowed to plunder his pension schemes. Soon after the election, the government made plain its intention of publishing the report once the Securities and Investment Board has approved it. I shall be surprised if the Department of Trade and Industry gets off with a clean bill of health. It seems that Imro made plain some yesterday. But it is necessary that

marrying the new regulatory machinery with the special status that trust law gave pension funds.

By striking a deal with pensioners now, the government will be able to consider the longer-term implications of Imro's findings in quieter political waters than otherwise. Similarly, it will probably be allowed to get down to planning what it should now do on the pension front without being daily hauled before the House of Commons for questioning.
Action is needed at two levels.

The social security select committee's report recommended a bevy of short-term reforms to improve the security of all its existing pension schemes. Reforms such as the clear designation of ownership on pension assets should be brought in without delay.

The select committee also came to the conclusion that a thorough review of the legal basis of pension schemes is required, and the government announced the establishment of such a committee

in public, and that its membership is not dominated by the bigwigs of the pension industry, who until very recently showed an alarming degree of complacency about their stewardship.

It remains to be seen if the review's terms of reference are wide enough to allow it to consider reforms which would make pension contributors holders of their own pension contributions. Reform along this line would involve a redistribution of wealth which would make the sale of council houses look small beer by comparison. It would also initiate an era of self-regulation, when individuals would have the right to transfer their assets to other approved schemes.

All the Maxwell pensioners who appeared before the select committee said that if possible they would have withdrawn all their assets from Maxwell's control on the day he took over their company. It is a pity the regulatory machinery and politicians were not as streetwise as Maxwell's

The author is Labour MP for Birkenhead, and was chairman of the social security select committee in the last parliament.

# Exit the poet-leader

rague is the city of magic metamorphosis, of Kafka's man-turned-beede But the strangest change of all came in the post-communist 1990s when jailbirds became politicians. Now these moral guardians - Vadav Havel, Jiri Dienstbier, Jan Carnogursky - have failed at, or are unable to cope with powerbroking, political manoeu-

vring and the stab in the back. This is perhaps the most important consequence of the Czechoslovak election. The country may or may not split into two, with Slovakia going its own way. But just as intriguing is the question of leadership. Not only in Czechoslovakia but throughout central Eastern Europe, the dissident intellectuals who came to power are starting to resemble dinosaurs. incapable of adapting to the hard

world of party caucuses.
In Poland, Waldemar Pawlak, 32 years old and with no Solidarity credentials, has become prime minister. True, he has appointed the former dissident mathematician Janusz Onyskiewicz to be defence minister and asked the medieval historian Professor Bronislaw Geremek to watch over foreign policy (an offer so far declined), but both men were suggested by President Walesa. The new rising men (as usual, there are very few women) are not former political prisoners, but former schoolboys.

Similar transitions have occurred elsewhere. Ex-dissidents clustered in the Hungarian opposition are now being led by a smooth lawyer. Zviad Gamsukhurdia, once Georgia's best known dissident, had to flee.

I first met Jiri Dienstbier in 1983. He was then a lorry loader on nightshift. He had been a TV correspondent, signed Charter 77, been jailed and been freed again. What was it like inside, I asked? "Inside is just like outside."

In 1989 he became foreign minister. This week, his party, the Civic Movement — the group closest to Mr Havel — failed miserably at the polls, and Mr Dienstbier is out of a job again. Mr Carnogursky, a Christian

Intellectual politicians have had their day, says Roger Boyes



Symbol of freedom in Eastern Europe: even President Vaclav Havel may soon relinquish power

Democrat freed from iail just months before sweeping to power in Slovakia, lost his job at the weekend and announced he was going into opposition to "safeguard democracy". He looked happier than ever in the past two years: inside is just like outside. A certain romantic culture grew

around these men, the outgoing political class. They were not all playwrights like Mr Havel, or essayists like Adam Michnik, or sculptors and architects like Laszlo Raik: some were merely frustrated translators or plodding historians. But they lived the myth, drinking hard. When Polish and Czechoslovak dissidents met secretly in the Tatra Mountains in the 1980s, they swallowed litres of vodka. They had Bohemian love lives and enjoyed the special freedom that comes with acting openly in a closed society.

Mr Havel calls this period "a lost paradise of innocence". And he goes to the nub: "Having intellectuals in high places does not guarantee good government. Reason and intellect are not enough unless you add honesty." Honesty, in this case, means lack of vanity. ability to abandon untenable positions and recognise conflicting interests. These were not the strengths of the dissidents Mr Havel calls "the suffering class".

The innocence of this political group was lost as soon as secret police files were introduced into the parliamentary game in Central Europe. The potency of the files is not that they dig up unsavoury facts about neighbours - everyone knew about, or at least suspected, the informer in university or school classes and on the factory floor. Instead the revelations hit at the heroic myth of

dissident life in central Europe. Many dissidents were approached for information or collaboration. and some agreed, if only to gain a passport for relatives or protection for a friend. General Czeslaw Kiszczak, former communist interior minister of Poland, recently said that 90 per cent of Solidarity underground cells had been infiltrated by his agents in the 1980s. It is this realisation that has done more than anything to destroy the confidence of the dissident-politician, and rob him of his moral authority. Better by far, say the young generation of voters, to

choose a modern politician. The release of files in Poland has opened up the wounds that lacerate German and Czechoslovak society. Was Leszek Moczulski, leader of the Ultra-Nationalist Confederation for an Independent Poland - another

jailbird - really a secret agent? Was Lech Walesa a secret collaborator with the police?

These are the semi-revelations oozing out of Polish parliamentary committees. The claims are easy to make and impossible to disprove. Some accusations must surely derive from forged dossiers. Whatever the truth. the wave of disclosure probably marks the end of a revolutionary myth. Who has been opening the files? In Poland the man responsible was another former political prisoner, the interior minister Antoni Macierewicz, a Magist in the 1960s, a passionate disciple of Che Guevara's teachings, a member of a workers defence committee, and now, with equal commitment and passion, a militant Catholic. He talks of his former fellow dissidents as if they were rodents.

he break up of the Solidarity establishment in Poland, and indeed of the whole anti-totalitarian coalition of Eastern Europe, has been a terrible shock. The new parties set up to replace those ramshackle but often charming and spontaneous alliances are still untested, and not wholly trusted.

As the Czechoslovak election showed, people prefer to vote for strong personalities, rather than for unknown parties. But not dissidents, with their vaguely hippyish manners and their penchant for listening to the Kinks and chain-smoking throughout the night. The new politicians are in the mould of Vaclay Klaus. The current federal prime minister was never a dissident, did not sign Charter 77, but by the same token was never bullied into signing a police confession. He was an academic economist quietly waiting his moment. In Poland a new generation of post-Solidarity politicians on the rise: young, deanshaven mineral-water drinkers who talk knowledgeably about the Adam Smith Institute. They are the new professionals, assessed on their competence and their ability to compromise, rather than their skill in holding a midnight discussion on Kierkegaard.



### ...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

was delighted to be granted the rare privilege of an interview with Enoch Powell on his 80th birthday. Prior to our appointment, I had sent him a greetings card. "Happy Birthday", it said.
I received a correction by return of post. "By its or their

very nature, a birthday or birthdays need no more be an occasion or occasions for happiness than for any other display or displays of human emotion; nevertheless, to the extent to which such felicitations form an expression of sympathy from their begetter to their recipient, I render unto you my thanks." Such cheery warmth belies Mr

Powell's somewhat austere public image. As anyone who has shared in one of his legendary picnics will testify, he is no stranger to fun, and he is a marvellous host. "Within this very hamper - a misnomer. incidentally, as it is, in fact, a help or assistance — there are slices of dough, baked in an oven, allowed to cool and then sliced and buttered, each buttered slice placed on top of another buttered slice, with a filling, or fillings, inserted in between, forming a sandwich," he announced at our last picnic together: "would anyone - or. that is, anyone assembled within this invited party here today — care for such a comestible?

Within a clear three hours, we were all tucking into our sandwiches and swapping lighthearted anecdotes about ancient Sparta. It was with such will grant you that much. But

happy memories reeling in my mind that I rang the doorbell of Mr Powell's house last week. There was no reply, so I bent my ear to the door.
"It is difficult to imagine that

the bell we have just heard is not that which is attached to the door to signal the arrival of a visitor, or visitors, so I feel disposed to act on the presumption that such a likelihood is indeed correct," I heard Mr Powell saying to his wife. He then opened the door. "I have been right in the past," he said, strains me in the face, "said I staring me in the face, "and I fancy I am right once more."
With a flourish, he led me into

his study, festooned with photographs taken at various stages of his political career one of them marking the occasion on which he proposed the abolition of the internal combustion en-gine ("thus reawakening in my fellow countrymen that spirit by which their forefathers prospered and subsequent generations discovered the virtues in horse and leg"), another commemorating his stark warning that mauve octopuses would soon be parachuting onto com-mon land from the sky the length and breadth of Great Britain, to take up residence in the baths and basins of the ordinary, decent citizens.

I asked him whether he now felt this latter warning to have been faulty. "One must define faulty, must one not? The invasion of mauve octopuses never occurred, or at least was never established to have occurred: I

would it have occurred had I not warned against it? That is some thing, as the philosopher would say, upon which one should not be expected accurately to pronounce. But let me say this, and let me say it with due clarity. I have been informed with no tittle reliability by a great num-ber of my fellow citizens that both octopus and squid are to be found — often under the guise of foreign nomenclature on the menus in restaurants and other houses of eating. I merely point this out as a coincidence. nothing more." A knowing grin lit his face.

He then intoned one of those

celebrated Powellian aphorisms. "A grapefruit, as Horace would have realised, is not a banana," he said, adding, more controversially, "but a banana is

undoubtedly a grapefruit."

Such acuity has not always endeared him to his political colleagues; perhaps this — together with his adhesion to linguistic precision — is why he never gained high office. Invited by Macmillan to sit in the cabinet, he placed himself smartly in the nearest cupboard. When Macmillan remonstrated, Enoch turned to him with those piercing eyes and exclaimed The mistake is yours, Harold. You made no mention whatsoever of the capital 'C' in the word 'Cabinet'."

At the end of our interview, I bade him goodbye. "If your suggestion is that you are now departing," he concluded warmly, "then you need

be afraid of no contention."

### Victims of victory...

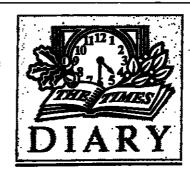
IN WHAT looks suspiciously like an act of political victimisation. the victory bonus being paid to Tory party election staff has been withheld from two of Chris Patten's closest allies.

To the astonishment of party workers, election campaign director Shaun Woodward has decided to exclude Angie Bray, Patten's personal press officer, and Patrick Rock, his special adviser, from the payout. Each might have expected to receive £1,000.

Woodward - whose own £70,000-a-year job is under review by Sir Norman Fowler, the new party chairman - says that Bray and Rock are not entitled to the money, because they have since left the party's employment. The excuse does not hold water, for others who have since moved on have already received their bonuses. All other permanent employees at Smith Square during the election, including the secretaries, have already received the

extra money. Bray, aged 38, formerly one of the most highly regarded political operators at Conservative Central Office, left last month to work for the political lobbyists Ian Greer Associates. Her leaving party at Central Office was attended by half the cabinet. Rock was for many years one of Patten's most loyal aides, having worked with him at the Department of Environment before his move to central office. Both were with Patten night and day during the campaign.

Senior party figures have now interceded on their behalf, and Woodward has agreed to reconsider their position. "I haven't been told anything," says Bray. "It is an ongoing process, and I trust it will be settled amicably."



... and defeat

FACING an uncertain future, Labour at least has a glorious past in which to bask - or rather, it had. The party's unique library of historical socialist documents has been closed following the redundancy of two-thirds of the staff. John McTernan, the sole remaining librarian, has unilaterally shut the doors, telling academics and researchers they are not welcome



until his former colleagues are reinstated.

"The library is no longer open to the public or party members," he has told the Library Association. "And I won't handle written enquiries." Among those hit are historian Ben Pimlott, who has used the library while writing his forthcoming biography of Harold Wilson. "It would be a tragedy if this library were not available to the public. There are documents and pamphlets dating back to the 1930s that are unobtainable elsewhere." Indeed. In those days the party even used to win elections.

• The royal family seems to get a better press in La Republique than at home these days. The magazine Le Parisien relegated the problems of the Waleses' marriage deep inside its pages while under the headline "Les Anglais nous aiment", it devoted its cover and first three pages to the Passport to France series in this newspaper. "Le très serieux Times". Meanwhile President Mitterrand is so taken with the Queen's visit that for her drive down the Champs Elysées today he has made available the rare convertible Citroen SM coupe last used by the triumphant socialist leader for his victory drive through the streets of Paris 11 years ago.

### Justice for Charles

MODERN PURVEYORS of royal gossip should count themselves lucky that the monarch's family no longer sues for libel. On the last occasion legal action was taken in such a case, Edward Mylius - a pioneer of "rat pack" journalism found himself thrown into prison for 12 months.

Mylius' crime was to suggest in The Liberator in 1911 that George V was guilty of bigarny with Mary Elizabeth Culme-Seymour, later Lady Napier, and the queen. Not only was Mylius jailed, he was barred from calling his only witness, the king. The full tale will be told later this year in a book by Priscilla Napier, the 83year-old grand-daughter of Lady Napier. "The attorney-general

said it would be unconstitutional for the king to take the witness box," she says. Lord St John of Fawsley con-

firms that anyone attempting to call the Queen as a witness today would meet the same obstacle. The constitutional rule is that the sovereign as the source of justice cannot give evidence in a court of law," he says. There is, however, nothing to stop the Prince of Wales being called to the witness-stand. argues Lord St John - as indeed Edward the VII was twice while heir to the throne.

But has the time come for the royal family to break with convention and to start issuing writs for defamation? "It would be most imprudent for the Prince of Wales to do so." says Lord St John. "His private life would be subjected to examination and all the old rumours would be dredged up."

Lady Napier's grand-daughter thinks changing times mean he is probably right. "In 1911, the entire British press backed the king. It is all rather different today."

• Bill McAlister, former director of London's ICA, has been called in to transform Kiev's Lenin Museum into a Ukrainian version of the ICA in the Mall. McAlister has just returned from the city. where he has been advising the government on how to turn the giant marble memorial to the father of Soviet communism into an experimental institute supporting avant-garde artists. But he is fighting a rival bid to turn it into Ukraine's first stock-exchange. "Either way they will have to blow up the huge central statue of Lanin first. But It seems to expose the dilemma of the new democracy. should it turn a tribute to communism into a financial shrine to the new-found capitalism or a cultural centre for their new-found artistic freedom?"

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### FRAUD-PROOF PENSIONS

If capitalism lets you down, should you be able to sue the government which sold it to you? Of the many good questions raised by the plight of the Maxwell pensioners, this is the most intriguing. The government's creed is not total laisser faire but a regulated market, with laws and supervisors to prevent abuses. If abuses still happen, whose fault is it? If there was negligence, who pays up?

For more than a decade the Tories have fostered the ideal of private pensions for all. Undoubtedly the fear of being ripped off by unscrupulous bosses was a deterrent. To encourage employees to opt out of the state system, therefore, the government and the industry set up the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) to be the self-regulator of the pensions and insurance industry with statutory powers, to reassure potential investors and contributors their money would be safe.

Now pensioners defrauded by Robert Maxwell are claiming Imro failed in its role, and in any event was operating in an inadequate legal framework which the government knew of and should have rectified. Both claims have some merit Many retired former employees of various Maxwell companies did indeed trust their pension money to a private fund on the assumption that the government could be relied on to see such funds were properly run. Then Maxwell raided their savings, for the sake of his own greed and megalomania. Imro did not stop him; the law was indeed too weak; the government should surely have arted sooner. But what now? Hand-wring-

ing will not fill a hungry pensioner's purse. Yesterday ministers were reacting politically. Many MPs, including many Tories, have constituents who were defrauded by Maxwell. They have been passing their anxieties upwards to the party management, which does not have the will to resist the pressure. Peter Lilley, social security secretary, announced a grant of government money so that pensions about to be stopped or cut can continue to be paid. Meanwhile the government will look for a longer-term answer. Perhaps the banks will cough up -Mr Lilley thought they ought to - or the missing Maxwell millions may return home by another route. But having turned the tap on, it is hard to believe the government will ever dare turn it off completely, at least without an alternative source of funding.

Self-regulated industries do sometimes allow for compensation for customers harmed or wronged by a levy on the pockets of all those selling the service or goods. It may seem a simple extension that when the harm results from some failure that can be laid at the government's door, such as allowing an inadequate regulatory framework of law, a similar concept of liability should apply. Except that the resources to meet claims

would be the general funds of the Exchequer. The Treasury will always say that hardship is already taken care of by social security benefits on the basis of need, and what other reason is there for disbursing public funds in the absence of strict legal liability? And that is an unanswerable objection. But as a result, claims based on contributions paid, and therefore on what might have been earned in pension, cannot be met by the state. Had it existed, such claims could have been made against a guarantee fund drawn from an

industry-wide levy. The government has announced a review of pensions law, and the CBI has just launched an enquiry into the company-pension business. Perhaps looking to America where such a system exists, they must find better ways to compensate victims of pension fraud, on a basis of shared risk and mutual insurance. Even when the government has caused the difficulty, calling on public funds for compensation is too thin an end of too wide a wedge. Capitalism also means self help.

### **HURTING, BUT WORKING**

Russia's economic reforms appear to be faltering. Last week President Yeltsin removed one of the leading members of the vouthful reformist team led by Yegor Gaidar, the first deputy prime minister, and apno harmonic appeal th, we pointed three new cabinet members from the the complex old Soviet military-industrial complex He Penand and edebte named Vladimir Shumeiko as another first where and totalists deputy prime minister, nominally equal to of the terror corone. Mr Gaidar. But he is likely to be the main influence now in the government, and a brake on the heady moves to full liberalisation, wholescale privatisation of the antiquated industrial structure, and convertibility of the rouble.

The reform team was also shaken by the attempted resignation of Georgi Matyukhin, man of Russia's central bank, whose insistence on maintaining relatively high many and their interest rates alienated parliament. Mr Yeltsin insists that these changes do not lessen his determination to move to a full market economy as demanded by the International Monetary Fund. But even as the IMF puts together a package to underwrite the West's offer of \$24 km. the West's offer of \$24 billion in credits and stand-by loans, its relations with Moscow are rapidly cooling.

Russian papers that usually support Mr Gaidar speak of the dispersal and weakening of his team, even hinting that the old stalwarts of the communist command economy mans of the confidence continued exploiny are trying to claw back power. They say that are trying to claw back power. They say that the new government has abandoned reform, taking fright at high inflation and selling out to the generals of heavy industry. The replacement of the oil minister hashes. replacement of the oil minister by the former chairman of the Soviet gas industry is seen as a particular blow to Mar October 18 a particular blow to Mr Gaidar, a loss of

nerve at the impending rise in energy prices. The IMF and the West may share some of these anxieties. But they should not be too concerned. It was obvious that Mr Yeltsin, under enormous domestic pressure to ease the hardships caused by price rises often three times steeper than three times steeper than wage increases, would have to duck and macros the would have to duck and weave to disarm his

conservative opponents. Both he and Mr Gaidar would see that their reforms are still broadly on course. They could argue that the next and by far the more difficult stage of reform - the privatisation of industry, which still accounts for the bulk of economic activity - could not go ahead without the support of its main representatives, and without some kind of cushioning to ensure that the structure does not go bankrupt when exposed to market forces and international competition.

Some slowing down was also likely in the rush to make the rouble convertible. It is desirable to abolish the access to scarce goods for the privileged few. It is important to give the Russian currency international worth, not least for other republics attempting improbably to introduce their own currencies while remaining in the rouble zone. But the rouble cannot be floated on international markets within a month except at hugely depressed rates. It already has virtual free convertibility on any street corner within Russia.

The Russian government will come under pressure from the IMF and again at the G7 conference in Munich next month, where tough conditions may be asked of Mr Yeltsin. He can only go so far in meeting these. Where he most needs Western support is in his determination to appeal over the heads of his hardline opponents in forcing a referendum on giving the land back to the people. He can also say that whatever the wobblings in Moscow, reform has its own momentum in the villages and provincial cities. Here the abolition of communism is beginning to encourage individualism, a return to the land and to bustling markets.

The reformers now ask only to be left alone by Moscow, and they will see off the old guard. None of the recent setbacks was unexpected. The wonder is that in a country steeped in lethargy and corruption, so much has been achieved since Russians took their destiny into their own hands.

### **FINE LINES OF TIME**

Time writes his wrinkles on man's brow, and there is precious little man (or woman, for that maner) can do to stop him. This news is Consumers' Association that cosmetic now official, after today's report by the creams are useless, and in some cases counter-productive, at curing aging skin of human condition, ever since the serpent in the Garden of Edon the Garden of Eden persuaded Eve to sample his organic, biotechnical apple.

This does not discourage humans from anti-aging cosmetics are a multi-million trying to smooth out the wrinkles. These days pound business, including organically correct magical ingredients from royal jelly to monkey glands, spinal cord to animal thymus, or the traditional recipe of herbs culled by moonlight in a virgin meadow with a previously unused obsidian sickle. All are worthless, and exorbitantly expensive, according to the Which? report on health.

The panel of dermatologists who examined the principal unquents and their claims were unimpressed. They concluded that the most such creams can do is shield the skin from the sun, trap moisture temporarily to make the skin shine, or puff it up to camouflage wrinkles. The best way to protect skin is to eat a healthy diet and stay out of the sun. Falling in love does more than biotechnology for the youthful appearance.

As the body grows older, its outer sack gets looser, drier, thinner - and wrinkled. Three processes are at work. The dermis (the skin's scaffolding layer) begins to wither as its elastic fibres deteriorate. The collapse of the dermis is accelerated by exposure to ultra violet radiation in sunlight - what modern vanity wins on the suntan it loses on the

wrinkles. Older skin is less able to hold moisture, so that it feels rough and tight, and fine lines appear.

The dermatologists are no doubt scientifically exact. But they have no prospect of even denting the sales of anti-aging creams. Belief in an elixir of youth is the oldest example of wishful thinking. It used to be a fountain of youth, which people drank or were dipped in to prevent wrinkles. Birnini, the legendary island in the Bahamas, was only one of many sites of such a sovereign remedy for the aging process. In 1512 Ponce de León set off to find the Fountain of Youth, and discovered Florida instead. With Disneyland and its retirement towns for the chronologically challenged, Florida has become a monument to his quest.

Life is harder for the mature today. The cult of youth has its harsh epithets of "wrinklies" and "crumblies" and its bias against employing grown-ups in immature trades such as television announcing and air hostessing. Things are worse for women than men, who are taken (by men at least) to look interesting even with wrinkles. But most of those who buy such creams cannot really believe that they are going to find the secret of eternal youth in a jar. They oil up as a gesture against the old enemy, like putting on a snazzy frock or a flowered tie. The prunes in Tom Lehrer's song are not bothered by wrinkles, because they know full well that, no matter how old a prune may be, hot

water makes her swell. That is all that miracle moisturisers do to the skin. But everyone above a certain age knows that no spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as can be seen in the autumnal face - wrinkles and all.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Value for money in civil service

From the General Secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants

Sir, Your leading article, "To prune the state" (June 2), implied that Mr William Waldegrave's speech to business leaders on June I heralded the end of national pay bargaining in the civil service.

In fact civil service unions and the Treasury have been negotiating on a break-up of national bargaining for over six months. Moreover, there are not "various" pay review bodies in the civil service, as stated in your article, but only one, making recommendations on the pay of 668 senior civil servants in Whitehall; the review body's recommendations have al-ways been regarded as "benchmarks", indeed they have only been implemented in full once in the last

You did not comment upon the omissions from Mr Waldegrave's speech in respect of privatisation — omissions such as safeguards for confidentiality. How many of us indeed how many MPs - want their tax affairs dealt with in the commercial arena? How many want their business competitors to have access to their dealings with the Department of Trade and Industry or Customs and Excise?

How many private-sector com-panies can be said to be truly impartial? Those who make political donations? And what about the conflicts of interest between the department or agency and another client or private-sector firm?

There is too the issue of real value for money. Messrs Cooper and Lybrand did not tender for the privatised work of the Schools Inspectorate quite simply because they could not meet the very low costs of the current arrangements. The logic is that the government will either have to pay more for privatising inspectorate work or farm it out to companies who are willing to do a less than adequate job.

Above all, your editorial has completely ignored the fact that standards of service in a privatised company stop at the bottom line of the balance sheet. But the civil service serves the wider interest of people as a whole, and preserves the equity of standards that is vital in a decent and fair society.

Yours sincerely, ELIZABETH SYMONS, General Secretary, The Association of First Division Civil Servants, 2 Caxton Street, SW1. June 2.

### Aiding suicide

From Mr Stephen Mulliner

Sir, Dr Brewer and others (letter, June 4) draw attention to the fact that the Attorney General appears to be disinclined to prosecute the publishers and vendors of Final Exit. a book giving detailed information about committing suicide. They ask why, if booksellers may aid and abet suicide, doctors may not.

The simple answer is that if I read a book. I can make up my own mind. If I am advised by a doctor, I may well have my mind made up for me and give reluctant agreement to an accelerated demise.

This question also powerfully illustrates the gulf between those who actively advocate cuthanasia and what I believe to be a large majority of people who reject it. This majority, comprising the religious and the secular, would probably not condemn an individual who deliberately and voluntarily ended a painful and over-prolonged existence.

However, it rightly and instinc-tively revolts at the notion of inconvenient old people being persuaded to die at the hands of relatives and medical advisers who might facilitate

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN MULLINER, Witherden, Weydown Road. Haslemere, Surrey.

### Collector's items

From Mr R. A. Gekoski

Sir, Your Diary on June 3 quotes the president of the Sylvia Plath Society as regretting my sale of a copy of Plath's The Colossus inscribed to Ted Hughes and the potential "loss" of further books. But this copy given to Hughes, incidentally, not "left" to him — has no substantial research value, and libraries are characteristically wise enough to avoid buying such collector's items. Indeed, though my catalogues are sent to over 300 libraries, with advance copies to the British Library and the Bodleian, not one evinced

any interest in purchasing the book. Many ex-libris and presentation copies of books by recently deceased poets, like Larkin or Berjeman, have been offered for sale recently without innuendo from the press, hostility to the vendor, or cries of ourrage from a literary society. Sylvia Plath has been dead for 29 years; isn't is time that the carping misapprehension re-garding the slightest of her affairs. and of those who knew her, was laid to rest?

Yours faithfully. R. A. GEKOSKI (Bookseller and publisher). 33b Chalcot Square, NW1.

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### Maastricht opt-out far from easy

From Mr Nicholas Aylott

Sir. Stephen Woodard of the European Movement (letter, June 6) assumes that Maastricht's rejection by the Danes can "easily be overcome by the use of the same opt-out formula which overcame British objections to the early drafts of the agreement". His complacency is misplaced.

The EC's constitution makes no provision for such derogations, and it may turn out that Britain's opt-out of Maastricht's social chapter is practically unworkable. First, it may contravene the principle of equal social rights for all Community citizens in any member state, stipu-lated in article 7(2) of the Treaty of Rome and confirmed in subsequent judgments by the European Court of

Second, the chapter authorises its 11 signatories "to have recourse to the institutions, procedures and mechanisms" of the Community, including the European Parliament, in promulgating social policy. This offers the curious prospect of British MEPs voting on measures that will be applicable to other Community citizens, but not their own constit-

All in all, the scope for reconciling Denmark with the Maastricht treaty is extremely narrow. Ideally, the EC should adopt an entirely new treaty containing constitutional provisions for member states to opt out of certain legislation. But if the governments that signed Maastricht are really bent on its implementation. they must be prepared to bully one of their number into leaving the Community altogether.

N. AYLOTT, 33 Sycamore Court, Fallowfield, Manchester 14. June 8.

From Mr Derek Prag, MEP for Hertfordshire (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Sir Roy Denman's letter (June 4) is full of wisdom. But unfortunately his proposal to split the Community into those member states which are prepared to accept the aim of a federal union and those who are not, and to let the former go ahead and draft their own blueprint for coherent further development, has a major

It would mean that all the real decisions were taken by the federal union, and that the others, including us, would be dragged along willy

nilly.
That is surely why Sweden, Finland and Austria now want to join the European Community as soon as possible rather than simply be members of the newly-created European Economic Area. That is surely why. when the crunch has come, Britain has always rejected a two-speed Europe in which we remained in the slow lane.

We have been prepared, at a pinch, to accept differentiation in the

### Sanctions on Serbia From Professor Adrian Hastings

Sir, Maastricht can wait a little, Sarajevo cannot. For any genuinely committed European that should be obvious. Sanctions are now not enough. Six months ago they could

have been. What we are witnessing is not anarchy consequent upon the break-down of a federal state but a planned campaign, nearing success, by an ethnic minority to drive a large majority out of their homes and permanently alter the map of Europe - a campaign possible only through control of the old federal army and its use with a barbarism one would have thought unimaginable in the Europe

Once the Serbs have achieved their goal and seized enough of their neighbour's territory, they will easily agree to a ceasefire and to its supervision by the UN. Effectively that will merely consolidate what they have done, or are doing, alike in Croatia and Bosnia.

Once done, there is almost no way to undo it, but it will result in decades of conflict. Are hundreds of thousands of exiles really going to submit

### Water charges

From Professor S. J. Wyard

Sir, Your valuable selection of letters on the supply of water (May 30) missed one point. Not only are the privatised water companies wasting enormous quantities of water from their leaking pipes, and now trying to shift the blame for the lack of water onto the consumer, they have also, in many cases, greatly increased their

I have a metered supply, for which there is a standing charge plus a charge based on consumption. Before privatisation these charges showed modest annual increases, roughly in line with inflation. Between January I, 1989, and January 1, 1992, the standing charge (for a lin pipe) increased from £72 p.a. to £190 p.a.; and the consumption charge increased from 23.8p per cubic metre to 55.3p. Over three years these increases average 55 per cent a year and 43 per cent a year.

Since there has been no improvement in the water supply I can only conclude that the increased revenues have gone to the shareholders, directors and employees of the privatised company.

Yours faithfully. S. J. WYARD, Dale House, Church Road. Sevenoaks Weald, Kent.

### strictly limited areas of the exchangerate mechanism (temporarily) and social policy. But when it comes to

European laws, European policy in general, and our role in deciding them, I really cannot see Britain being content to sit back and let others decide our fate. Our place is at the heart of Europe.

Yours faithfully, DEREK PRAG 47 New Road, Digswell. Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir. The Maastricht treaty is not dead. It has just not yet been born. It will not be alive until all 12 member states have ratified it.

Meanwhile each member state can carry on with the ratification process. If and when all 12 do ratify it or a modified version of it, the treaty will come into force. In the meantime the European

Community will continue to function under the Single Act which was finally ratified in July 1987.

Yours sincerely, MADRON SELIGMAN, Micklepage House, Nuthurst, Nr Horsham, West Sussex.

From Sir John Acland

Sir, After the referendum in Denmark, the prime minister was today reported as saying: "I am not in favour of a referendum in a parliamentary democracy, and I do not propose to put one before the British

people."
The 1975 referendum was concerned with a common market, not with the erosion of national sovereignty; and, in the recent election, voters could not express a view because all three major parties apparently supported the Maastricht treaty. Thus the people of this country, however Mr Major may see it, have not been given the right to express their opinion.

Why does the government show such contempt for democracy and such lack of courage in denying Britons the same opportunity as was offered to the Danes?

Yours faithfully, J. H. B. ACLAND. Feniton Court, Honiton, Devon.

From Mr Jeremy Cross

Sir, What can my economics and politics pupils do now? They have been preparing for months for ques-tions based on the development of the European Community at Maastricht, and their exams start this

Yours faithfully, JEREMY CROSS, Downside School. Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Bath, Avon. June 8.

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to their expulsion by a mini-power? If Europe or the UN do not act now,

they will be storing up an infinity of

unnecessary agony. Mr Hurd says that military intervention cannot fight the way to peace "among peoples mingled together village by village" (report, June 3).

That is not the point. If five or six of the principal towns of Bosnia together with Dubrovnik are simply protected from further attack and sustained from starvation, the underlying Serbian strategy will collapse. If on the other hand protection is not afforded, it will

almost certainly succeed. Sanctions can make no difference in so short a term. Europe will have turned its back from the robbed man on the road to Jericho, and quite unnecessarily. I cannot believe that Kohl, Mitterrand or Major really want the new Europe to begin with such sustained dishonour.

Yours faithfully. ADRIAN HASTINGS, The University of Leeds, Department of Theology and Religious Studies. Leeds LS2 9JT. June 8.

### **Drought consequences** From Dr Robin Palmer

Sir, In criticising Zimbabwe for selling off its food surplus "in spite of clear warnings of impending shortages" (leading article, "Drought of Africa", May 29) you make far too simplistic a judgment. The Zimbabwean government was subjected to enormous pressure by the World Bank and the IMF to sell off or squeeze "uneconomic" parastatals.

Consequently, the Grain Marketing Board was obliged to sell off its huge maize stockpile and to stop building grain storage silos in outlying areas. Thus, this year, because of the drought, Zimbabwe needs to import, at enormous cost, the equivalent of what it had stockpiled.

This is sheer lunacy. Food security in Zimbabwe, as throughout southern Africa, depends on subsidising the GMB and its equivalents. To suggest, as does the current orthodoxy from Washington, that subsidies are perfectly acceptable for farmers in America and Europe but wholly inappropriate for farmers in Zimhabwe and elsewhere in Africa. is yet further lunacy. Regrettably, it is a lunacy that may well kill people.

Yours sincerely, ROBIN PALMER. West Common. Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

### Terms of consent on donor cards

From Sir Michael McNair-Wilson

Sir, If organ transplants fell last year, as your health service correspondent correctly reports (June 3), it is either because of a shortage of suitable donors, or because more next-of-kin than usual refused their consent to let organs be taken. Facts to support either hypothesis are scarce.

From the audit carried out in 1990 by Ms Sheila Gore of the Medical Research Council biostatistics unit. we know that in that year only about 63 per cent of potential organ donors actually gave their organs because 30 per cent of next-of-kin said "no" to transplantation, and in 7 per cent of cases consultants failed to ask for organs. This resulted in 800 fewer kidneys being available than should have been the case. It is a worrying situation that badly needs remedy

Opting-out by law as a way round these difficulties, as some advocate, would be to destroy the concept of organ donation — a gift freely given which has made my own transplant much easier to accept because I know somebody wanted me to benefit from their organs.

An approach taken by some European countries, which our medical profession should be asked to copy, is not to ask the next-of-kin for their consent to take organs, but what they think the donor would have wanted. In those terms, the organ donor card becomes much more significant. particularly if it is already countersigned by the next-of-kin who will

then be aware of the donor's wishes. After all, legally the card is every bit as much a last will and testament as any other document in which we state how we wish to leave our belongings. It deserves to be taken as seriously and not made subject to the whim of next-of-kin or family at a particularly tragic moment in their

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON (President, National Kidney Federation), Nine Elms Farmhouse, Bucklebury, Reading, Berkshire, June 3.\_\_

### Royal privacy

From Mr John Browne

Sir, It is undeniable that tales about the Prince and Princess of Wales are matters of interest to the public. The hundreds of millions of pounds made by the purveyors of fictional or factual sensation testify to that very

great interest of the public. But are the i necessarily in the public interest?

Our working monarchy gives us a uniquely stable form of government. It is therefore hard to see how the current attack on members of the royal family is in the public interest.

Surely our government, which so cynically killed the Privacy Bill despite its overwhelming and crossparty backbench support, now have an obligation to do something to protect the people of our land; including our royal family.

Yours faithfully. JOHN BROWNE, c/o Coutts & Co., 15 Lombard Street, EC3.

From Mr Douglas Keay

Sir, May I, as the author of a recent biography of the Queen, raise a point about Andrew Morton's book about the Princess of Wales. Before any of the former private

secretaries and close friends and

advisers of the Queen would agree to my request for interviews they had to be approached, by the Palace, to see whether they wished to talk to me. Presumably, apart from their own feelings, they took soundings and

were made aware of the Queen's

All, as it happened, agreed to interviews. One or two asked to see what I had written before my book was published, and requested not to be quoted by name on certain things. Others made no conditions. The Palace did not ask to see the finished manuscript, and it was not submit-

Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS KEAY, Bargate Cottage, The Common, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey. June 8.

### Measure for measure

From Professor C. R. B. Joyce Sir, Your correspondent, Dr Lamb (letter, June 6), laments the Italians' inability, like the British, to accommodate both metric and imperial

weights and measures. We Irish, well-known to be more European and better logicians, have unambiguously distinguished our two systems of labelling signposts from each other as follows: The newer green signs are in kilometres unless otherwise stated, while the old white signs are in miles unless they

As final safeguards against misunderstanding, the signposts themselves are rendered illegible, rotated through anything from 1 to 180 degrees and often removed entirely. I am. Sir. your obedient servant,

C. R. B. JŌYCE, Murtenstrasse 21, 3010 Bern, Switzerland.

are in kilometres,"



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: The Queen was represented by the Viscount St Davids. Lord in waiting, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Havers which was held in the Temple Church, Inner Temple, London EC4 today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 8: The Prince Edward this morning arrived at Gatwick Airport, London, from a visit to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** June 8: The Princess Royal today visited Humberside and was rereived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr R Bethell).

R Bernen,
Her Royal Highness, President,
Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited the
North Humberside Group, Humber Foreshore, North Ferriby.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, this afternoon visited the Holderness Bureau, 75

Newbegin, Hornsea. Her Royal Highness then visited the Hornsea and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital, The Princess Royal later opened the Humberside Offshore

Training Association's Survival Training Centre, Malmo Road, Her Royal Highness, Honorary President, the Chartered Institute

of Transport, this evening at-tended a meeting of the Humberside Section, Port House, King George Dock, Hull, followed by a visit to the Port of Hull Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 8: The Princess of Wales this morning visited St Joseph's Hospice. Mare Street, Hackney, Mr Patrick Jephson was in

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Lord Hailsham at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Havers which was held in the Temple Church, Inner Temple, London EC4 today.

KENSINGTON PALACE June 8: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Shropshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr John Dugdale).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the new Hall of Residence and the extension to the Students' Union at the Harper Adams Agricultural Coll-

ege, Edgmond.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 8: The Duke of Kent. Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened the FISITA 92 Conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London SW1. Captain the Hon Tom Coke

This evening His Royal High ness attended a Recital by Mr the Fellowship of the Royal College of Music to him at the Royal College of Music to him at the Royal ge of Music, Prince Conson Road, London SW7.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK June 8: Princess Alexandra was represented by Sir Angus Ogilvy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Havers which was held in the Temple Church, Inner Temple, London EC4

### School news

Oundle School Scholarships 1992

Academier C. Adrinson, Wellingborough Junior and Oundle, M. Ching, St. Faiths; J. Cope, St. Anselme, A. Singleton, Caldicott, T. Stallard, Edge Grove, N. Bullmore, Winchester Houses, S. Dann, St. Hughs, Woodshaft Spa: G. Blum, Felsted Prep; K. Goodley, Beeston Hall, H. Griffin, St. Andrews, Eastbourner, T. Smith, St. Anselms; M. Woods, The Beacon, Stalnforth scholar; N. Ohly, St.

sic: P. Banerjee, Spratton Hall: C. dsmith, Princess Helena College: A.

### John Reid

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Reid, OBE, DL, will be held at the Church of Guildhall, London, EC2, on Thursday, July 2, at 11.00 am. Dress: Dark suit. Tickets are not required.

### Dinner

**HM** Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a dinner yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Sir

### Luncheon

The Royal Society of Chemistry The President of The Royal Society of Chemistry, Sir Rex Richards, was the host at a luncheon on Monday, June 8, at Burlington OBN. Principal guests were Dr Robert Anderson, Director, The British Museum, and Dr Neil Cossons, Director, The Science Museum. Also present were:

Professor B W Abel, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Exeter: Dr M & Farago, Imperial College, Londor: Dr J S Gow, Secretary General, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Professor J H Holloway, University of Leicester, Professor J J Monaghan, UMIST: Professor M I Page, Huddensfield Polytechnic.

### Royal Society of Medicine

Sir David Innes Williams: Presi dent of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Innes Williams, received the guests at a reception held last night at 1 Wimpole Street after Lord Justice Butler-Sloss had delivered the Stevens Lecture for

Institute for Lawyers in Europe Lord Slynn of Hadley was introduced by Mr Bill Blackburn. Chairman of the Advisory Board, as guest of honour at a reception held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday to mark the inauguration of The Institute for Lawyers in Europe. The guests included Sir Nicholas Lyell, Attorney General, and se-nior members of the international

Receptions """

THIS year's Charles Douglas-Home Award focuses on the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union and the effect this has had on the daily lives of people living in small communities. The winner will receive £10,000 from

the Charles Douglas-Home Memorial Trust and be commissioned to travel to the former Soviet Union to carry out a study on the subject. The winner's resultant 5,000 word study on how people in small communi-

duction of some form of market economy will be published in The special feature. Much has been written about the problems facing communities in the territories of the former Soviet Union as they attempt to adapt to recent changes

ties are managing to adapt to the intro-

and applicants are asked to concentrate on the effects on people in a town or village, rather than a city.

The trustees have specified that applicants for the 1992 award must be fluent in Russian and have some experience of the former Soviet Union. In their invitation to entrants, the trustees say: "The report should depict the effect of changed circumstances at every level of daily life. It could include work, the home, the shops, the church, schools, politics, law enforcement, administration and any other revealing aspect of a changing

Stepping out: Ludmilla Semnayka, the Bolshoi Ballet star, at the Russian Embassy in London for the

launching of an eight-day international open-air cultural festival which opens in Red Square, Moscow,

on July 4. The festival, which was also launched in Moscow and New York, is said to be the biggest of

its kind to take place in Russia. More than half a million Russian and foreign visitors are expected

**Charles Douglas-Home Trust** 

£10,000 award to study communism's fall

"It should concentrate on the experiences of individuals, their hopes and

It is stressed that the judges are seeking a portrait rather than a sociological study and will give high priority to an applicant with the ability to write clearly and

vividiv. The Charles Douglas-Home Award was founded in memory of the former editor of The Times who died of cancer in 1985 aged 48. Friends and colleagues set up the fund to commemorate his professional life by establishing an annual scholarship for a writer, researcher or journalist. The trustees include three

Subjects which have been covered in previous years include the revival of Britain's inner cities, the effect that the single European market would have on the British way of life, and a comparison between Japanese and British children and teenagers.

The trustees invite this year's applicants to put their proposals in writing, in not more than 500 words, explaining where they would like to go in the territories of the former Soviet Union and why. They should outline the approach they propose to adopt.

and any written work, if possible work which has been previously published although this is not a pre-condition.

The prize will be awarded next month and publication of the study is planned for late autumn of this year. Applications should be sent by July 3.

1992, with an s.a.e. if any papers are to be returned, to: Mrs Anne Martin, 57 Thorpebank Road, London, W12 0PG.

# Cash plan saves last wilderness

THE Flow Country, the huge area of living peat bogs inter-laced with dark pools and lochs that covers much of northeast Scotland, is to be protected by a scheme enabling crofters, farmers and landowners to receive cash payments for ensuring "sensi-tive" management of their land. The scheme could help the area eventually gain

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World Heritage Site status. Payments of up to £4,000 a year will be given to farmers owning land on Sites of Special Scientific Interest if they agree to abide by rules that will enhance what has been called one of the last great wilderness areas in Europe. The management proposal. designed to protect the peatlands and sustain the dwindling population, has been introduced by the newly created environmental body.

Scottish Natural Heritage.
The Flow Country, which covers almost two million acres in Caithness and Sutherland, is home to threatened bird species such as the greenshank, golden plover and arctic skua. The peatlands are one of the most ancient of Europe's landscapes and, as well as supporting a wide range of wildlife, are claimed to be the greatest expanse of blanket bog in the world.

Sir John Lister-Kaye, chairman of Scottish Heritage's northwest region, said: "They are internationally recognised as one of Europe's most precious natural resources and have been recommended for World Heritage Site status. The scheme will provide financial incentives for land users to continue with traditional and sustainable ways of managing their land in sympathy with the natural heritage interest." Those who agree to take part will be expected to enter into a fiveyear agreement with Scottish

Heritage that will cover graz. ing levels, numbers of animals, burning of moorland, peat cutting and the use of vehicles.

Up to 175,000 hectares of the Flow Country are expected to be designated as SSSIs and Scottish Heritage said that its job was not only to protect the peatlands but also to maintain employment. "It will be the first time that we have injected money into communities living on these sites. It will provide money to maintain the land and the communities themselves," said John Walters, of Scottish Heritage, who said the scheme may be extended to other areas covered by SSSIs.

The Flow Country has seldom been out of the public spotlight in the past five years. The primeval boglands first became the centre of a dispute between conservationists and those who wanted to continue planting parts of the area with conifers. The former Nature Conservancy Council demanded a twoyear halt to tree planting so that the effects of afforestation could be assessed. The next year Malcolm Rifkind, then Scottish secretary, stepped in to declare that large areas would be protected by designation as SSSIs.

Landlords will be eligible for compensation amounting to 50 per cent of the compensation given to crofters and tenant farmers. Already this clause has caused an outcry in some quarters. Alistair Swanson, area president of the National Farmers Union, said that this could mean landlords raising farmers' rents once tenants en-However, he said it was necessary to give some compensation to landlords if only to ensure that they too entered into the spirit of conservation



### Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.G. Halse and Miss R.E. Williams
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Robert, third son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Halse, of Honiton, Devon, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Williams. of Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.I. Raffan and Miss E.M. Lewty The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Raffan, of Thorpe Bay, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Lewty, of Kew. Mr R.W.J. McKenzie

and Miss L.J. Thomas The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Applicants are also asked to send a CV Mrs Colin McKenzie, of Nottingham, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Thomas, of Uplyme, Devon. Mr A.H.M. Page

and Mile A. de Folin The engagement is announced between Hugo, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Page, of Taplow, and Angelique, daughter of the Marquis and Marquise de Folin,

and Miss S.M. Eyton The engagement is announced between Thomas, fourth son of Mr John Sean Geoghegan, of Carlow, and Mrs Jeannie Steel, of Falkirk, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr Anthony Eylon, of Stockwell, and Mrs Mary

### Marriage

Eyron, of Hampstead.

Mr T.G.S. Hinton

and Miss A.N. Lindemann The marriage took place on Friday, May 22, 1992, at Our Lady of Grace and St Theresa's Church, Chingford, Essex, of Mr Michael Hinton and Mrs Sarah Hinton, to Miss Angelika Lindemann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Erik Lindemann.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Miss Catriona Newington and Miss Madeleine Webster. Mr Mark Bussell was best man. A reception was held at the

Royal Epping Forest Golf Club and the honeymoon is being spent

### Telephone 071 481 4000

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Telefax 071 782 7827

My help comes only from Lord, maker of heaven a carth Psaint 121 - 2 (REB)
ALLISON - On 21st May 19 at Epsom General, to Sa (née Cooper) and Phil a s Benjamin Joshua
ASHTON - On June 6th, Helen (nee Brakefield) : Charles, a daugh Charlolle Lucille.
AYLES On June 4th to Ca inec Lawl and Anthony son (William Anthe Carrington), a brother Charlotte and Emily
BARKER - On Wedness June 3rd, 1992, to Les mer Gibbs) and Guy, a s Jonathan Charles.
BENYON - On June 6th Emma and Richard, a Thomas
BERLIAND On June 6th Lucilly unce Fleming) a Richard, a daugh Miranda Louise, in Sumi New Jersey.
BUTTON - On June 4th. Queen Charlotte's, to Ro and Elisabeth mee Wiles daughter, Jennifer Elisab Lorna, a companion Emnia and Berkeley
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GARDNER-MITCHELL June 4th, to Alice and N lin. a daughter. Sophie
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PREST On June 4th, to Anthea and Nick, a beautiful daughler, Tabilha Rose Florence, a sister for Clementine and Freddle.

SHARP On June 6th, to Victoria thee Hull) and Richard, a son James Eric Halle, a brother for Caroline.

SHEARER — On June 5th to Jeanelle and Alistair, a daughter, Emily Joy, a visier to Annika Marie. WOODRUFF On May 30th in Catriona mee Hall) and

MARRIAGES BAKER:LESLIE On Saturday June 6th at Christ Church

BERNARD — On Friday June 5th. 1992. Counters Marquerile, affectionalely known to all as "Greta", at her home after a mother of Paul and Marc, wonderful friend and greatly admired midwife. Requelm mass at Farm Street Church. Mayfair on Friday June 12th at 2:00 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to World Wide Fund for Nature, UK, Godalming, Tel 0483 426444.

BOND On June 4th. in hospital after a short lilness. Dorothy of Lingfield. Surrey. Funeral at 11.50am Thursday June 11th Surrey and Sussex Crenatorium. Donations rather than flowers to The National Deaf Chidrens Society. 45 Hereford Rd. London W2.

BOUCHER-GILES - On June 6th, 1992, peacefully at home after a long lilness. Arthur Francis DFC, aged 80 Artinir Francis Dr.C. agen 80 years. Dearty loved husband of Barbara, adored father of Linda and Richard. father intended of Martin and Nicola brother of Eiteen, grandfather of Miranda. Vicity. Sophie, Benjamin and William, greatgrandfather of James Funeral service

Vicky, Sophie, Benjamin and William, greatgrandfailher of James. Funeral service, Croxall Parish Church, Eriday. June 12th at 2:30 pm, Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Clies Hospice, c/o FM and J Wait, Funeral Directors, 28 Bird Street, Lichfield, 0543 265138.

CAVELL On May 31st 1992.
Kathartne tKlity of Hunsdon. Herts Much loved sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. Family cremation in Beckenham. memorial service at St Dunstan's. Hunsdon on Friday July 3rd at 2pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Hunsdon Church to provide induction Loop System for the Hard of Hearing. C/o Kellaways F/S. 104 Lordship Lane, London SE22 SHF. Tel: 081 693 2898.

CHIVERS On June 6th 1992, peacefully. Ruth. aged 86 years, widow of Warren and mother of Authony deceased, and Elsabeth, much loved little Granty of Charlotte. Rosalind and William Funeral service at Stonegate Church. Sussex on Friday June 12th a' 11.00am. family flower-only. but donations to Parkinsons Disease Society: c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough Tel (0892) 665000

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al Cork Regional Hospita
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Family Rowers only

COON - On June 7th, 1992 peacefully al Lyme Regi-Marion of Lyme Regis. wife of Geoffrey and mother of Anthony and the late Julian Funeral service will lake place at Uplyme Parish Church on Friday, June 12th at 1:30 pm followed by interment at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research or c/o A J Wakely and Sons, 7a Silver Street. Lyme Regts, Dorset. DEVEREUX - On June 3rd at the Nuffleld Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, peacefully after a long illness. Norman James, dearly loved father of Paul and Mark. Private family cremation on June 10th, Flowers to John Nodes & Sons, Funeral Directors,
181 Ladbroke Grove

EURICH - On June 6th Richard Eurich O.B.E. R.A. Hon. D.Lit. after a long

FITZGIBBON On June 6th 1992. peacefully, after a stori liliness. Phyllis, of Newick. Sussex. Creatly missed by her lwo children Paul and Riqut, eight grandchildren; and lwo great grandchildren. Cremalion at the The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Worth Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, on Wedin-day June 10th, at 4,00pm, Flowers and engulries to R.A. Brooks & Son. Newtch, Sussex, Tel 108225721 2895 or 104441 454391

GENTRY - On June 6th 1992.
peacefully after an illness
bravely borne. Avis Barbara
inec Candyr aged 68 Much
loved mother of Christopher
and Slephen and loved mother of Christopher and Stephen and grandmother of Andy and Jamie. Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium Thursday June 11th at 1 30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Kingston Hospital Scanner Appeal.

HARDINGE - On June 5th 1992 peacefully in Mount Vernon Hospital. Lonei Brien ayed 79, Major (Indian and British Arms), much loved (ather of Jennifer and John and grandpa to six grandchildren Funeral at 11 30am on June 11th at Northwood Cemetery Enquiries to Meinry Paul Ltd 50 Victoria Road, Ruisilp, letephone (0895) 633642.

HAWKINS - On June 6th suddenly, Peter Nelson son of Kalharine and the tale Sam Hawkins and brother of

JONES - On June 2nd, 1992. Noel Clive Jones. Any Inquiries to E. Carter & Son. Routingdean. Tel 0273 303467.

KINLOCH - On May 28th 1992; John 4th Baronel of Kinloch. very beloved husband of Doris Ellaline and faither of Susan Rogers. Diana Addis, and David Oliphant Kinloch, and much loved Crandfather.

KNEVITT - On June 3rd. 1992, peacefully at home in Maidenhead. Vera Mary Franckivn unde Nicholsi Most befored wife of Joe mother of Elizabeth. Peter. Rosemary and Charles and much loved grandmother Donations if desired to Brilish Lung Foundation, 8

LAWS.- On June 3rd 1992.
Eihel Annie Louise in hei
100th year of Fowey.
Cornwall. Widow of Albert:
mother of Frank.
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al 2pm.

MAHADEVAN - On June 5th Six aguru Mahadex an, suddenly at work, belox ed husband of Jay anthini and husband of Jayantinni and father of Katalyani. Cayan and Haran Funeral service on June 11th. 10.00 am. at 31 Tamarisk Cardens. Bitlern Park. Southampion. SO2 aRA. Cremation 12.00 noon at East Chapel. Southampion Crematorium.

MARTIN - On Monday June
8th 1992, peacefully in St.
Francis Nursing Home.
Plympton, Devon, Helen
Martin, aged 89 years, lake of
Hone and Newport. Essex,
wife of the lake Colonet Tom
Martin. Essex Regiment.
Much loved mother of Gillian
and Rosemary, dear granny
and great-granny. Funeral
Friday June 12th, Service at
Efford Cremalorium in
Plymouth at 12 noon.
Family flowers only please,
donations if wished to The
Army Benevolent Fund may
be sent to Walter Parson. 2
Market Road, Plympion.
Plymouth, PL7 3QW, (0752)
S43848.

MATHESON - On June 5th peacefully, John Joseph at the home of his niece. Rita. Funeral serice at Poole Crematorium. Dorset on Friday June 12th at 11am. Donations it desired to the Marmillan or Marte Curie Cancer Fund.

McCULLOCH - On June 3rd 1992, pearefully after a long lilness, at home Joyners Field. Harlow, Margaret Eisle iblegi. The funeral service is to be held at Parndon. Wood Crematorium, Harlow, Essex, on Friday. 12th June at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries to the Funeral Directors Daniel Robinson & Sons Lid. Robinson House, Wych Elm. Harlow Essex, Tel. 0279, 426990.

MULLINS On June 6th. peacefully. Belly tinee Heselline), aged 82, wife of the late Willoughby (Audy), mother of Elisabeth and Victoria and grandmother of Serena, Christopher, Oit la. Peter, John and Rachel Thanksgiving service at St. Bartholomew's Church. Tardebigge on Friday June 12th at 11,15 am. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Worcester Nature Conservation Trust.

NEWALL WATSON On June 4th. In Petersfield Hospital. Marion. only daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs Haslehus! of Claverley. Shropshire. aged 91. widow of the late Major George Newall Watson Funeral private No letters of flowers at her request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES NOEL-JOHNSON NOEL-JOHNSON On Sunday, June 7th 1992. peacefully at home in Worthing, Jane Ann inée Richards). Dearty loved wife of Reggie, dearest Mother of Patricia and Christopher, fondly remembered mother-in-law and much loved Grandma of Charile, Victoria. Dominic, Héioise, Edward and Louisa. Family Cremation on Friday June 12th Memorial service to be announced.

MORTH On the June 6th Gamble. Suddenly in Virginia. Jording husband of Robin. stepfather of Guy and Eille. dearest brother of Victoria and Verz. late of Boldshaves. Woodchurch, Kenl. Enguires 0344 26192

PAPPADAKIS - On June 7th, after a long litness, bravely fought. Capialin George Anthons: aged 53. Sadity missed by all those who knew him. Funeral service on Tuesday 9th June, at 6.30 pm, at the Greek Orthodox Church of Si Sophia. Moscow Rd. London W2. Burtal later this week in Athens. Donations to institute of Cancer Research. 237 Futham Rd. London.

PARSONS - On Friday June 5th 1992 at the age of 84, peacefully at his home in West Hill. Decon. Harold Norman locking and dearly local husband of Margaret, father of Jane and Peter and grandfather of Charles, David and Jason. Funeral sen ice will be held at Evotice. service will be held at Exeler & Devon Cremalorium or A Dwon Cremaiorium on Wednedsday June 10th al 1 45pm Family flowers only but donalions to New Ottery St. Mary Hospital. (70 Barriays Bank, Ottery St. Mary

PHILLIPS - On June 6th 1992, peacefulls Violen Munel aged 92, widow of Ted. much loved mother of Rachel and Trg and grandmother of James. Siephen, Melanie, Alison and Helen, Funeral service at the Hoty Trinity, Pouen End on Monday, June 15th at 11.30am. Donatlors in lieu of flowers to: Hemel Hempslead Hospital Scanner Appeal Fund

WALSHE — On June 5th. suddenly in hospital after a short liness. Katherine Mary inée Stotti dearly loved mother of Anna. grandmother of Paul and Judith and great grandmother of Mark. Family flowers only. donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice Donallons and inquiries to Francis Chapell and Sons. 402 Lewisham High Street. London SE13 6LJ.

WHARTON On Saturday 6th
June Catherine Mary
Wharton suddently, but
pearefully, at Allon Barnes,
withs, after a bravety borne
illness, aged 61. Funeral
private Donations please to
Prospect Foundation, 5
Church Place, Swindon, or
Battersea Dogs Home.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

HINDUJA Dharam, 14 11 1969 19.6.1992 The Hindula Jamily gratefully acknowledges the many triends and associates who kindly sent messages of sympathy on hearing of the disappearance on the 13th of May. 1992 and the subsequent iragic death on the 19th of May 1992 of Dharam Hindula, only son of Madhu and Srichand Hindula Dharam. 22. was a charming and accomplished. Hindula Dharam. 22, was a charming and accomplished young man a courtous, devoted and highly intelligent He impressed everyone with his leadership qualities and was highly inclined towards spriritual values Dharam was the darling of the family and a great human being. This sudden loss leaves a told in our likes that will never be filled. There does not seem to be any purpose to what has hap peried, we can only attribute this great tragedy to the pened, we can only altribute this great tragedy to the strange workings of fale Everything is in the hands of God and we must place our trust in Him. Dharam is sorely missed and deeply mourned. We have been most touched by the many letters of sympathy and the tributes to Dharam that we have received

LEGAL NOTICES

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WORD WATCHING

OFFICINAL (b) Of a herb used in in medicine or the arts, or of a medical preparation kept in readiness in apothecaries' shops, from the Latin officias a workshop: "It is not altogether immaterial which of the numerous officinal preparations of iron are to be prescribed."

(a) To spread out new-mown grass for drying, from the Old English word for such activity teddor. "Tedding, turning, cocking, raking,/ And such business in hay-making." FID (c) A conical pin of hard wood, from 9 to 30 inches long, used to open the strands of a rope in splicing, plus several other meanings, mostly nautical, orig-

STOOK (a) A shock of sheaves set up to dry at harvest coircident with a widely spread Tentonic word meaning sleere: "Thus she stood amid the stooks, Praising God with sweetest looks."

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# Saves Obituaries

April 1 and will appropriate the state of th Richard Eurich, OBE, RA, artist. died on June 6 aged 89. He was born in Bradford on March 14,

· 1903.

RICHARD Eurich was one of those rare war artists whose works will live, and continue to affect people, as of the brailings of minor masterpieces. He caught that terrible beauty of the theatres of war. distilling the awful truth that battles of human life and death often take place on beautiful days in beautiful

> The exhibition of his war work at the Imperial War Museum last autumn, Richard Eurich: From Dunkirk to D-Day, enabled his peculiar strengths to be appreciated afresh. Eurich was always aware that hu-man beings are essential to war and his account of it always has a human dimension, notwithtanding the machinery of war, exemplified by the bombers and their vapour trails, which score a clear blue sky in his Fortresses over Southampton Water, or by the shipping crowding the beaches in The Withdrawal from Dunkirk Thus, his war paintings avoid an imperial atmosphere or that species of grandiose overstatement to which the genre is sometimes prone. A simple study like Robin Hood's Bay in Wartime two fisherman standing chatting in front of a number of boats drawn up on the foreshore - is as surely a part of the experience of war as the more dramatic battle scenes.

Richard Ernst Eurich was the son of Professor Frederick William Eurich who had been professor of forensic medicine in the University of Leeds. He was educated at St George's School, Harpenden, and at Bradford Grammar School. From there he went on to Bradford School of Arts and Crafts and in 1924 progressed to the Slade School of Art in London — where to his etrianathade ratings surprise he found that his hero, Turner, was regarded with convia management tempt. Nevertheless he won seven prizes for drawing and composition

my to the some at the Slade. His first one-man exhibition was of pencil drawings, put on with the encouragement of Eric Gill and Sir Edward Marsh at the Goupil Galleries in 1929. These drawings, both delicate and incisive, recalled the

### RICHARD EURICH



Richard Eurich's graphically-observed The Withdrawal from Dunkirk, painted in 1941

work was to become familiar. A

second Redfern exhibition in 1935

poetic profundity is a melancholy

which is akin to that which the

eighteenth century found in ruins:

the fleeting human comedy of tran-

sience set against the eternity of

change in the elements. Some sim-

ple title like Bathers on the Beach or

Cargo Boats on the Solent can carry

intimations of mortality and eterni-

ty; simultaneously real and surreal.

mainly of Cornish harbours, at the

Redfern. His admirers felt that a

tendency to a looser handling -

with hints of Impressionism and the

pre-Raphaelites - did not really suit

his draughtman's instincts, but this

was not to amount to a permanent

In 1938 he showed 35 paintings.

What gives Eurich's scenes their

amplified these strengths.

early engravers of northern Europe in their observation of detail and in their precision. In the same year he met Christopher Wood - perhaps the only painter of his own time to have influenced Eurich in his paintings of coastal villages.

After a great deal of drawing, which provided him throughout his life with a range and competence which was quite exceptional. Eurich found his most profound theme. There are landscape artists and seascape artists; Eurich was the consummate master of the coastscape and the beachscape, with a wonderful memory for all the details of shifting light and strange perspective that these provide. He was always, he said, most deeply moved by the elements. In this, he was close to Turner. Oil paintings by Eurich were seen from time to time at the New English Art Club and the London Group, but it was not until

1933 that he had his first one-man

show of paintings at the Redfern Gallery. They were of Dorser harchange of direction. Later work showed a return to his earlier, "wellbours intimately and precisely ob-served in the manner by which his carnentered" manner. Eurich thus came to the second world war unintentionally primed to

he that curious survival, a war nainter in the age of photography. When the withdrawal from Dunkirk took place he immediately realised that it was a subject which would merit epic treatment and he wrote to the War Artists' Committee: "Now the picture subject for which I have been waiting has taken place...This surely should be painted and I wonder if I would be considered for the job." He was. After a discreet testing of his abilities, he was seconded to the Royal Navy as a war artist in 1941 and remained until the end of the war. He was, of course, not present at Dunkirk, nor at many of the scenes he recorded, but his ability to bring together remembered detail, and provided information, produced minor masterpieces which case of Dunkirk his peacetime knowledge of the locality enabled him to recreate, with considerable veracity, the topography of the His Dunkirk Beach, May 1940

were utterly authentic to the spirit of

the scenes they represented. In the

was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1941 and was purchased by the Canadian government for the Canadian War Museum. The Imperial War Museum has his The Great Convoy to North Africa, the Maritime Museum, Withdrawai from Dunkirk and the Tate Gallery, Survivors from a Torpedoed Ship. a painting depicting two men adrift on a raft with simple, stark and poignant realism — based on a true incident. And there were other equally affecting but more complex paintings of convoys and air raids; all with that poetry of ambivalence, beauty and tragedy.
From 1949 Eurich taught at

Camberwell School of Art, where he was able to talk over the unresolved issues of pre-war artistic discussion with a new generation. His own paintings reverted to a gentler poetry; critics sometimes found them too grey - perhaps the result of many days attempting to sketch on grey, salt-sprayed beaches in grey wea-ther; but Eurich was always stirred by the sea: "the symbol of a great loneliness which I have always de sired". Settled for most of his life near Southampton and the Solent, he could always find that fascinating artistic concordance of the surreal in the real, in the strange perspectives of beach and horizon dwarfing the human figures at play.

A succession of exhibitions with the Redfern Gallery was followed by several at Tooth's and later at the Fine Art Society. A retrospective was held at Bradford in 1951; he was elected a full Royal Academician in 1953. In 1983 the Fine Art Society put on a much-admired 80th birthday celebratory exhibition which recalled the high achievements of that modest contributer to the annual Royal Academy shows. Richard Eurich was appointed OBE in

He married Mavis Llewellyn Pope in 1934, by whom he had a son,

### **APPRECIATIONS**

### Robert Morley

IT MIGHT be thought from your obituary (June 4) that in

his crowded and gregarious life Robert Morley's time was already fully taken up with his commitment to the theatre, cinema, the racetrack, books, food and many other interests. Not so - it may not be widely known, due perhaps to his "innate modesty", that, through being godfather of the autistic son of a close friend, Robert became a much valued supporter of the National Autistic Society, soliciting cheques from Arab princes, donating the royalties of two best-selling books, hosting a fund-raising dinner after the film premiere of Too Many Chefs and more. All this with enormous enthusiasm for his adopted cause. His unselfish support for a small charity even survived a two-day-ride, crammed in a small car, to the event at Aberystwyth's Rag Day in 1975. Admittedly, this rural ride was punctuated by surprise descents on the only notable eating places to be found between Wargrave on Thames and mid-Wales, but it was part of the performance, and fun. Actors have many faces; this particular face parents of children with autism remember with gratitude.

Michael Baron, vice president, The National

THE death of Robert Morley

brings back memories of a

number of occasions when

memorial services were being

held for great actors and when I, as an honorary stew-

ard of Westminster Abbey

(and because I am a theatre

historian), was asked to meet

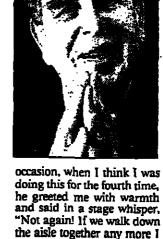
Mr Morley at the Great West

Door and conduct him down

the nave to his seat in the

choir. On the most recent

Antistic Society



really do think we shall have to get married." We set off on the nave as, unseen by Mr Morley, the Lord Mayor arrived behind him, a signal for the whole congregation to rise to rise to its feet. Morley looked surprised but delighted. "Oh, how sweet of them," he said. He quickly regained his composure and, beaming from side to side, we continned what became almost a regal progress towards the

Clive Chapman

TWENTY years ago Robert Morley and I landed up at the button-counter in Harrods intent on matching a wellbeloved button. I had no trouble; he had. In a trice, the place was in uproar, much to his ill-concealed delight, and the assistants did not know whether to laugh or cry. A crowd soon gathered to enjoy the show, and finally Morley went off huffing and puffing like the angry but happy old walrus he always appeared to be on stage in the theatre.

Victor Purvis

### Sir Robin Philipson

IN ADDITION to the many achievements of Sir Robin Philipson listed in your obituary (June 5), mention should also be made of his splendid work on the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland. Much of what has survived in our Scottish heritage, both urban and rural, is due to his efforts. In addition to his artistic eminence, he possessed (what is rare in artists) a shrewd awareness of what is politically possible, and how to convince ministers, government departments, local authorities (not always the most

ready listeners) and the public of the merits of his arguments.

He was implacably opposed to the brutal and intrusive inner ring road plan which threatened Edinburgh in the 1960s and helped to defeat it. I frequently accompanied him (as a fellow commissioner) on site inspections. I remember trudging across Borders woodlands with him, and walking in driving rain through Glasgow streets to view a threatened building from an appropriate artistic angle. His enthusiasm and his air of authority helped to bring success to many of the commission's recommendat-

### **Brig Michael** Holroyd-Smith

MAY I add a brief note to your fine obituary (June 5) on Brigadier Michael Holroyd-Smith? He was, as you say, educated at St Paul's School. Darjeeling, until he was 12. Thereafter he spent five years at Bedstone School (now

Bedstone College) in Shropshire. He was head of school there in 1955-6, and many of the qualities he was later to display so brilliantly were already apparent.

His energy, versatility! courage, and leadership are remembered with affection and admiration by all his Bedstone contemporaries.

R. J. Rees

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### STEPHEN CARDEN

Julia See Casping Graham Stephen Paul Carden, CBE, TD, died now and Northeadese from a heart attack in Jogreen of M. Anthona's hannesburg on May 10 aged 56, while working for Cazenove & Co, the City firm of stockbrokers, of which he had been a partner for 28 years. He was born on May 14, 1935.

IN HIS 36 years with Cazenove. Stephen Carden made a major contribution to its success, both in the international sphere and in Brit-Nine in ain. His outstanding ability and efficiency made him a and cinciency made him a central figure in the partner-ship, particularly in the great period of change after bic period of change after Big
Bang, the deregularisation in the City in 1986, when the partners of Cazenove & Co opted to retain their independence and remain a private partnership.
Stephen Carden spent his.

771 -82 % childhood in Essex. He distinguished himself at Harrow, after which he was commissioned into the 9th Lancers. He joined Cazenove in 1956 and soon became involved in the development of the firm's Australian business. He became a partner in 1964 and was largely responsible for the establishment, in 1969, of a branch in Sydney, the first London stockbrokers office in Australia. With the rapid evolution of the world's securities markets in the 1970s, the firm's overseas business grew rapidly and, by the end of the decade, he had assumed responsibility for its overall control and

Carden had also joined the new issues team at Cazenove



in the 1970s and soon acquired the friendship and respect of many of the firm's leading corporate clients which he advised. Among companies with which he had a close and long association were Bass, Burmah, Dalgety and Unigate. He was involved in defending Consolidated Goldfields and Standard Chartered Bank from unwanted bids and participated in the privatisation of both British Aerospace and the British Airports

Authority. Having joined, in 1956. the City of London Yeomanry, subsequently the Inns of Court & City Yeomanry, Carden served with the regiment for 18 years, becoming its commanding officer. In 1976 he was promoted to colonel, the highest rank then available to a serving Territo-rial Army officer, and was appointed TA adviser to GOC London District. After retiring from the TA, he worked enthusiastically for

the TAVR Association and at the time of his death was vicepresident of the Greater London TAVR Association and vice-chairman of the Army Cadet Force Association. He was also Hon Colonel, 71st (Yeomanry) Signals Regiment, TA, and Joint Hon Colonel, Inns of Court & City Yeomanry, TA, and a commissioner of the Royal

Hospital, Chelsea. Carden worked enthusiastically for the TA in London during a period of military cuthacks and his efforts contributed greatly to the healthy position in which the Territorial Army in London finds

itself today.
Through contacts in Australia he had become involved with The Fairbridge Society, for which he worked tirelessly for over 30 years, as treasurer, and later as chairman. He was the principal architect of the merger of the society and the Drake Fellowship in 1987, the combined organisation becoming the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, of which he had been chairman since

1990. Carden had been a keen cricketer and polo player and he enjoyed sailing, but above all was his love of fox-hunting. For many years, he spent every available weekend of the hunting season in Ireland and more recently with the Bicester and Warden Hill

Hunt. Carden was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1968, was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London in 1983 and was appointed CBE in 1986.

### STANLEY ASTON

Stanley Collin Aston, OBE, TD, bursar of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, from 1962 to 1978, died on May 19 aged 76. He was born on September 4, 1915.

STANLEY Aston's devotion

to St Catharine's College,

Cambridge, in all its aspects was immense. He saw it as his mission to continue the work of Henry John Chaytor (Master until 1946) in building up the college's strengths and triumphantly succeeded when bursar from 1962 to 1978. This was the result of dedicated hard work, tight administration, concern for college staff and buildings (the substantial 1964-67 developments affectionately known as "Aston Villa" are owed to him) and sound investment based on excellent

From the City School, Lin-

coln — a city for which he retained a profound devotion Aston went up in 1934
 with an open scholarship to St Catharines's. His starred first in modern languages (French and Spanish) in 1938 marked him out plainly for an academic career. This was to be interrupted by distinguished war service: having enlisted as a private in the Suffolk Regiment, he saw action in Africa, Madagascar and Europe, reaching the rank of major in 1942 and eventually working in mili-tary intelligence at the War Office. After the war he served with the Territorial Army, reaching the rank of

lieutenant-colonel and being appointed OBE and awarded



the Territorial Decoration with two bars.

Already before the end of the war the college claimed him, electing him a fellow in 1943. From 1946 for many years he was director of studies in modern languages and later occupied a variety of college posts, being specially remembered for the ingeniously appropriate punish-ments he good-humouredly inflicted as a young dean.

He had been appointed to his first university post in 1946 and continued as lecturer in French until his retirement in 1982. Here, too, he rightly saw himself as a follower of Chaytor in the field of romance philology, a discipline embracing French. Provençal and Spanish, and one in which linguistic, literary, and historical aspects were all one. His early scholarly publications on Provencal showed excellent qualities and he long continued his annual bibliographical sur-veys of this subject; as visiting

professor he twice occupied posts in the United States and gave lectures in many other foreign universities; but it is fair to say that he was distracted from this by the urge to work in related, perhaps more publicly useful, ways. Thus he was secretary (1945-50) and chairman (1951-68) of the Modern Humanities Research Association, and played a major role in promoting its activities and establishing its finances. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than his election as president of the association in 1970. From 1954 to 1978 he was secretary-general of the Fédération Internationale des Langues et Littératures Modernes, and immensely active in this, world-wide, eventually taking on responsi-

bilities in Unesco bodies also. Within Cambridge Aston gave vigorous service in many fields. Applying bursarial and financial board skills, he gave the University Association Football Club, as senior treasurer and president, a sound financial basis. He was honoured to be deputy lieutenant of the county, from 1959, and provincial Grand Master of its Masonic province, from 1979.

Stanley Aston was a powerful figure physically, a man of immense energy, and fierce loyalties. He was open and sociable, voluble and sometimes unguarded, but ready with a handsome apology next day if on reflection he had overstepped any mark.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, one son and two daughters.

Dean of Maldon and Dengie,

The Rev Angus MacLeay. Assis-

rant Curate, Holy Trinity, Rusholme (Manchester): 10 be

Vicar, Houghton, and St Peter, Kingmoor (Carlisle).

The Rev Timothy McClure, Gen-

eral Secretary, Student Christian

Movement to be Team Leader.

Social and Industrial Ministry

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

### ON THIS DAY June 9 first rise, who had ever seen

The contributors to the paper

were fortunate during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. No pictures and only single column headlines gave them unlimited inches in which to edify or entertain their readers; this writer was able to devote nearly 2,000 words to his theme.

### THE MAYFLY AND THE TROUT

One June day, while casting flies on a sluggish stretch of a trout stream, I noticed a man about a hundred yards off on the other side of the water. His head and shoulders, that is to say, were visible: the rest of him was screened by a thick fringe of reeds, over which a fishing-rod protruded. Sud-denly the tip of the rod was sharply tilted; a trout was jerked out of the stream, and went hurtling through the sunshine of the meadow behind. Soon head and shoulders and the rod appeared again, and instantly another fish fluttered to the grass in a gleaming curve. This, the angler coming slowly downstream, was repeated, repeated, repeated. Never had I witnessed such a weird performance. astonishing was it. I could only stand still and watch. What wizardry could the man be using? There was no clue. With a very short line, the angler, every time he came back from basketing a trout, dropped a lure upon the water just as one might have dropped a worm had the stream been flooded and discoloured; yet it could not be a worm he was plying. Before seizing a worm the trout usually waits until it is well below the surface; but in

this strange case a fish leapt at

the water. Then, if one could

forget some lady or another

upset by the excitement of her

trout so unceremoniously treated? The fellow did not play them. He merely struck, hooked, and tossed them out How thick his cast must be ! or, if the gut were as fine as is commonly deemed desirable, how marvellously strong! The fish he was catching were not small: they were, indeed, well above the local average. The least considerable seemed to be about half-a-pound; not a few were twice as large. Surely it was something uncanny I had chanced upon? Though abounding in trout, the stream had the repute of being "diffi-cult." Any angler resident in the neighbourhood thought elf skilful if a day's effort yielded him a dozen fish; yet here was a person taking splendid trout at the rate of one a minute! Awestruck, I questioned whether, as was made out in Mr. Reade's inspiring novel through which I had novel, through which been making my delighted way, the Devil were really dead. The extraordinary spectacle was a good many years ago, in school days, when theology is less impelling than curiosity; and when at length the stranger was just opposite across the stream I made a polite request to be informed as "The Mayfly!" said he, so openly exultant in a human

manner that faith in Mr. Reade was there and then restored. He invited me to go over the bridge and see his basket, a very capacious one, which I found to be packed to the brim; gave me a Mayfly; and went off to catch a train. Anglers at large will not think of his doings with unanimous admiration. Some of them will severely disapprove. These are they who, after having banned the worm, the gentle, the creeper, and the minnow, are disposed towards banning the Mayfly also. They think that all these lures, even though suited to comparatively rare occasions, are 100 effective. However, some reassuring thoughts on that subject have recently been presented in these columns . . .

### Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will have luncheon at Queens' College, Cambridge, at 12.10; and will visit the Shaftes-11 the 1 bury Society's hostel, Bridger's, at 1111 6 111 2.50.

The Princess Royal, as Pairon of SENSE, the National Pairon of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will attend the launch of The Lincolnshire Project" report at the
Lawn. Lincoln, at 10.30; will
open the Sensory Support Centre
at Clare School, Norwich, at 12.40; will open the new build-ings at Banham Marshalls Collto mediate the result of the form of the state of the sta

British Railways Board, 24 Eversholt Street, at 7.15. Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will arrend a reception in Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, at 7.00 to mark the 50th anniversary of the West-

The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend a dinner in the Debenture lounge at the club. Wimbledon, at 7.10 in honour of Mr Dan Maskell. The Duchess of Kent will visit Glaxo Manufacturing Services. Ware, Hertfordshire, at 2.00. Princess Alexandra will attend a musical evening at St James's Palace at 7.20 in aid of the

### Anniversaries

The program of \$10000 per special sections of the section of the s could have really to be a supply to the supp BIRTHS: Andrew Ramsay. writer, Ayr, 1686; George Stephenson, builder of the Rocket bard nemat from a few margaring arrangements of the few margaring and the few margaring land, 1781; Sir Henry Dale, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1936. London, 1875.

Otive, Wylam, Northumbertor. London, 1958; Max Aitken. DEATHS: Nero. Roman emperor AD 54-68. Rome. AD68; Str James Brooke, raja of Saraist Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Leatherhead, Surrey, 1964; Dame Sybil Thornwak 1841-68. Burrator, Devon, dike, actress. London, 1976.

Mental Health Foundation. 1868: Charles Dickens. Gadshill Place, near Rochester. Kent, 1870: Sir Walter Besaut, novelist and philanthropist, London, 1901; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Rome, 1953; Robert Donat, ac-

### Birthdays today

Mr P.G. Beazley. MEP, 70: Mr Tony Britton, actor, 68: Viscount Craigavon, 48: Professor Geraint Gruffydd, director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, 64; MrC.J.M. Hardie, former chairman, National Provident Institution, 54: Sir Peter Heatly, chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation, 68.

Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI Furniture Group, 53; Mr Roger Hurn. chairman, Smiths Industries, 54: Sir Nicholas Lloyd, editor, Daily Express, 50; Mr Robert McNamara, former American Secretary of Defence, 76: General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 82: Mrs June O'Dell, deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 63: Mr S. Gorley Putt. literary historian, 79.

Mr Charles Saatchi, director, Saatchi and Saatchi, 49: Mr Peter Sanders, chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 54: Sir Douglas Smith, chair-man, ACAS, 60: Mr Steve Smith Eccles, jockey, 37: Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons. 59; the Right Rev. Dr. O.S. Tomkins, former Bishop of Bristol, 84; Colonel J.F. Williams-Wynne, former Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 84.

# Church news

The Rev Canon John Flack, Team Rector of Brighouse. Rural Dean of Brighouse and Elland, and an Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral, is to be Archdeacon of Bevan, retired). Pontefract, in the diocese of Wakefield, succeeding the Ven Kenneth Unwin who retires at the

end of this month. The Rev Michael Adams, Team Vicar. Cove Team Ministry (Guildford): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Chislehurst (Rochester). The Rev David Beedon, Assistant Curate, Cannock Team Ministry. to be Vicar, Wednesbury St Bartholomew (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Robert Bowden, Chaplain to the Royal Agricultural College. Cirencester (Gloucester): to be also a Chap-lain to HM The Queen (in the room of the Rev Dr John Stott, Extra Chaplain). The Rev John Brown, Priest-in-

charge. Kelvedon Haich w Navestock: to be Priest-in-charge, Fryerning. Margaretting and Mountnessing and Bishop's ACORA Officer (Chelmsford). The Rev Dr Peter Brown, Assistant Curate, Sprowston w Beeston St Andrew: to be Priest-in-charge, West Winch and North Runcton w Hardwick and Setchey

### The Rev Canon Eric Buchanan, Vicar, Higham Ferrers (Peter-

borough): to be also a Chaplain to HM The Queen (in the room of the The Rev Canon Richard The Rev Michael Campling, Rec-tor, Old Airesford and Bighton,

and Chaplain of diocesan retreat house and conference centre (Winchesser): 10 be Chaplain, St Mary's Convent, East Grinstead (Chichester). The Rev George Fisher, Curate,

(Blackburn) The Rev Peter Huckle, Honorary Curate, North Walsham w Antingham: to be Assistant Curate. Great Yarmouth (Norwich). The Rev Paul Kybird, Carlisle Diocesan Lay Training Adviser and Priest-in-charge. St Mary.

Wreay: to be also Priest in charge

Dalston w Cumdivock and Raughton Head (Carlisle). The Rev David Lambert, Priestin-charge, St Gabriel's. Cricklewood: to be Vicar, St Gabriel's and St Michael's, Cricklewood (London). The Rev Michael Langan,

Incumbent, Althorne, Creeksea,

Latchingdon and North Fambridge to be also Rural

(Bristol). The Rev James McKinney, Chaplain to the Police Staff College, Bramshill (Winchester): to be Vicar, Cleator Moor and Cleator Conisbrough (Sheffield): to be Vicar, St Thomas, Blackpool The Rev Arthur Makel, Rector. Epworth and Wroot (Lincoln): to be Rector. Sigglesthorne and Rise

> (York). The Rev William Marston, Curate, Beckenham, St George (Rochester): to be Team Vicar. Ifield (Chichester). The Rev Ian Murray, Team Vicar, Short Heath Team: to be Priest-in-charge. Moxley

w Nunkeeling and Bewholme

(Lichfield).
The Rev Christopher Nelson.
Curate, All Saints, Clayton-leMoors: to be Vicar, St Oswald, Knuzden (Blackburn). The Rev John Richardson, Team Vicar, Aldrington: to be Vicar,

Sompting (Chichester).

### Mackay backs down on legal aid

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has withdrawn a rule that defendants must produce 13 wage slips to qualify for legal aid, in the face of widespread criticism and the prospect of being challenged in the courts.

The climbdown was announced yesterday by John Taylor, parliamentary secre-tary to the Lord Chancellor's department. Replying to Ste-phen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, Mr Taylor said that he and Lord Mackay had decided to withdraw the relevant paragraph of a recent circular.

The decision was welcomed by Mr Byers and by the Law Society, which had called for the withdrawal of the circular containing both the wage slips requirement for employed defendants and a similar requirement for unemployed defendants to produce their national insurance numbers.

Mr Byers said: "The circular was introduced in a hurry without proper consultation and it achieved the worst of both worlds, with an increase in public expenditure arising from extra adjournments and remands in custody, and offering a worse service for

John Appleby, chairman of the Law Society's courts and legal services committee, said: "We argued from the outset that the circular misinterpreted the regulations and would be unworkable. We look forward to full consultation with the Lord Chancellor's department on any proposals to introduce a more workable system for verifica-tion of defendants' means."

Kenneth Pain, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society. recently attacked attempts to "legislate by circular" and said that many justices' clerks, whose job it was to implement legal aid rules, were ignoring the circular in the belief that it was unlawful. Elsewhere, the circular led to defendants being remanded in custody because they could not produce the necessary wage slips.

Robert Broudie, a solicitor in Liverpool, had obtained leave to bring judicial review proceedings over the circular and a hearing was expected shortly. Stephen Gilchrist, chairman of the Legal Aid Practitioners' Group, said the good sense and reason".



Courses for horses: gypsies and travellers washing their horses in the river Eden at the annual Appleby horse fair in Cumbria. The weeklong event, held since the 1800s, draws dealers from all over Britain and culminates with races on roads around the town

### Tories rethink treaty as rebellion grows

Continued from page 1 and Jacques Delors, its presi-

dent, can be controlled. Mr Hurd declared that if negotiations were reopened Britain would be "back in the maelstrom", faced yet again with all the centralising proposals it had managed to deflect at Maastricht. The prospect of enlarging the EC
— one of the priorities of the upcoming British presidency
— would be set back.

The cabinet is apprehensive about how events in Europe might unfold over the coming months, and has decided to play for time. In fact, with Labour committed by Gerald Kaufman yesterday to opposing the bill if the doubts have not been cleared away, it would have little chance of making progress at present.

Mr Hurd and his colleagues have concluded that the EC cannot proceed satisfactorily without Denmark. As an alternative to renegotiation, the government is proposing that ways will have to be found of persuading the Danes that the Maastricht centralisation do have some

real force and meaning. The principle is referred to as subsidiarity and means that matters best devolved to member parliaments should be dealt with at that level and not in Brussels.

Senior ministers accept that the continuation at the head of the Commission of Jacques Delors is not helpful to their case, but suggest that with no alternative emerging, he is likely to be reappointed.

The government, keen to avoid a decline in the enthusiasm of Britons' for Europe, is hoping that Brussels will show restraint over the vexed questions of the 48-hour week and Britain's rebate from the EC budget. Mr Hurd said the voters in

Denmark had given the politicians a "kick in the pants". adding: "People always enjoy that because our profession is not particularly popular. But politicians have to get on with their job. remembering what has happened and why we were kicked in the pants."

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### IRA admits bombing of South Bank

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gunfire in a nearby village. The officers had spent some time talking to the gunmen before they were shot Mr John Giffard, North Yorkshire's assistant chief constable, said they had stopped the Sierra for a routine check.

Both gunmen have soft Irish accents. The Sierra driver is aged about 28, 5ft 9in, of medium build with mousey hair and moustache. He was wearing round, metal-framed spectacles and had on blue or grey jeans, a blue and white hooped rugby-style shirt and had a gold ring on his left hand.

The passenger was in his mid-forties with grey hair brushed back and receding at the front. He is slim, about 5ft 8in, clean-shaven with a thin face. He was wearing a grey lounge suit, a white and blue striped shirt and blue tie and wore white training shoes. Police asked the public for

help in tracing their car, an L model with a glass sunroof. registered number C244VPJ.

### Press criticised for 'intrusive' reports

Continued from page 1 be taking the commission's

views into account in the forthcoming review of press self-regulation," he told the Last month the commis-

sion reported that it was confident the newspapers had passed the "stiff test" set out two years ago by the Calcutt committee on privacy and the press, which threatened direct government control unless press standards improved. The events of the weekend have intensified the pressure among MPs for the government to introduce legislation to safeguard individual privacy and prevent unwarranted press intrusion.

While it rebuked "intrusive and speculative" coverage by newspapers and broadcast-ers, the commission said reporting and commenting on the royal marriage was nonetheless in the public interest. "The state of the marriage has been put into the public domain in part at least by the outward behaviour of the spouses and it is therefore a Anti-terror strategy, page 3 | public interest for report and

comment by the press." However, the manner and tone in which information is reported and discussed is as important as the content of each story. "Frequently, the manner and tone of the reporting of the private lives of the Prince and Princess of Wales has beyond doubt been in breach of the code of practice," it said.

Andrew Neil, The Sunday Times editor, defended his decision to serialise Mr Morton's book by reading out a signed statement by James Gilbey, an Old Etonian who has known the Princess since she was 17 and was one of Mr Morton's key sources on the suicide allegations. Mr Neil read the statement on Inde-pendent Television News at lunchtime as the Princess spent the day laughing and smiling with seriously ill patients during an unannounced informal visit to St Joseph's hospice in Hackney. east London.

TV joins war, page 3

### Political sketch

### All at sea in a metaphoric maze

Your sketchwriter re-turned to Westminster yesterday to find the government all at sea. Fixed points in the parliamentary compass were shifting. Douglas Hurd had lost his grip on English syntax and Peter Lilley was talking about moral obligations. What next? Will lions walk

in the street? The Lilley shock came first. This driest of Tory ministers is a man with such faith in the free market that all ten plagues of Egypt, a couple of Irish potato famines and the South Sea Bubble, would appear to him as welcome evidence that the market was settling down. So what got into him? He suddenly began to babble about the "moral obligations" of (un-involved) City institutions to assist the pensioners who have so cruelly lost at Maxwell's hands".

He was setting up a trust into which voluntary contributions from the private sector will be paid. One pictured the secretary of state shaking a bucket at Victoria station. And why?
To maintain "faith in the integrity of occupational pension funds". Perhaps Mr Lilley should invite the CBI to compensate any citizen cheated in business, in order to maintain public confidence in capitalism?

A common problem for those who have not tried a heady substance before is that they don't know how to handle it. Breathing for the first time the ozone of righteousness, Lilley took a lungful too much and it went to his head. "Rarely in the catalogue of crime has there been a fraud as callous and despicable as the pillaging of pension funds by Maxwell," he gasped. passing lightly over several millenia of treachery.

On the Opposition benches MPs who at Labour conferences used to saunter through print union picket lines for the free champagne on offer at Mr Maxwell's receptions. sat on their hands and nodded grimly as Mr Lilley added words like "deep concern and distress" to his rapidly expanding moral

Yet if the social services secretary's vocabulary grew, the foreign secretary's powers of language normally so impressive took a terrible dive. For once, Douglas Hurd was tongue-tied. It was John Biffen who reminded him that, as both a celebrated novelist and a famous

Euro-negotiator, Mr Hurd was presumably fluent in both English and Eurospeak Could he, then, offer MPs his assessment of where things now stood "in plainspeak?"

He could not. Our suede tongued diplomat was havering and all but capsized in the cross-currents of his own metaphor. Denmark showed, he told the Liberals' Sir Russell Johnston, that people like politicians to get a kick in the pants. "People enjoy that. But once it has happened we have got to, et, curry on". It struck him that maybe this sounded arrogant. "Rem-embering," he added, "why they kicked us in the

And why had they? "We're clear in our own minds," said Hurd.

"Are you?" shouted a Labour MP. Mr Hurd switched his metaphor from corporal punishmen to knitting, and spoke of the danger of the treaty getting "unbundled" if anyone tried to renegotiate it. But, said the Tories' Michael Colvin, surely it would have to be changed if the Danes were to return to the fold? This enables us to think the subject through and produce an answer," said the foreign secretary, help-fully. Mr Hurd was holding wool, kicked in the pants. paralysed between the need to rewind what Danes had tangled and the fear of unbundling what Germans had bundled, and thinking

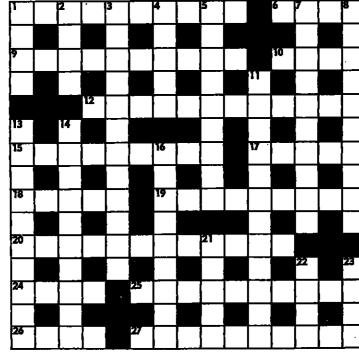
abour's Peter Shore Lipronounced part of the knitting "dead" but asked whether the "other pillar" (of the knitting!) was alive. Reckless, Mr Hurd brought in the Emu. The Emu was "not involved, as I understand it. I'm reluctant to see the unbundling". Some-one handed him a note. "I was wrong to say that the Emu is entirely free-standing from the Treaty o Rome. It could be. But that would be unattractive".

The unbundling of a free standing Emu, particularly if the other pillar was dead. did sound unattractive. Mr Hurd turned to a cricketing metaphor to answer the Tories' Ivan Lawrence: "we've batted away". To unbundle now would land us "back in the maelstrom".

Some of us sensed that Mr Hurd, stumped, unbundled and kicked in the pants, was in the maelstrom already.

MATTHEW PARRIS

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,940



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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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a. To spread for drying

b. A lorry-driver's mate c. A card game A faithful friend A faithful friend
 b. To cheat
 C. A conical pin for splicing STOOK a. A castle of sheaves b. To bluff

OFFICINAL

Today's pollen count forecast is **MODERATE** SELDANE.

A major advance in hayfever

Answers on page 14

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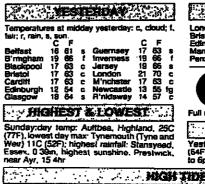
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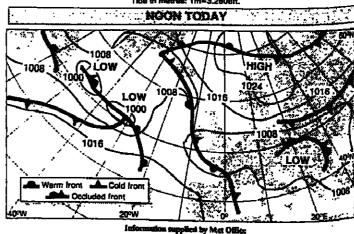
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**BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL** 

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FLASH POINT



Sir Trevor Holdsworth earns £185,000 as the part-time chairman of National Power. Does the electricity industry give value for money?

TRUCK ON

Iran and Libya hold the key to the survival of AWD, the failed lorrybuilder that has shed another 502 jobs through a lack of orders Page 21

SUMMER SALE

RTZ will incur a loss of £30 million from the sale of its interest in Rio Algom to Canadian investors for £118 million Page 18: Tempus page 20

**NEW BOY** 

ian Agnew will earn more than £650,000 as director of Wellington Underwriting Holdings Page 21

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**FAMILY MATTERS** 



The Children Act heralded a shake-up of family law. Paula Davics asks does it work? Page 25

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ent (Jun.) .... \$21.30 bbl (\$21.50) RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 138 8 April (1987=100) Denotes midday trading price Provisions of £350 million may be made

# DTI inspectors to investigate Mirror launch

By Angela Mackay and Rodney Hobson

THE department of trade has appointed inspectors to investigate the £250 million flotation last year of 49 per cent of the late Robert Maxwell's newspaper empire, Mirror Group Newspapers.

Several parties, including the Serious Fraud Office, liquidators and administrators. are already trawling through the rest of the Maxwell family's private and public companies, and their pension funds. MGN, the only surviving and cash-flow positive entity in Britain, had not so far come under investigation.

MGN, publisher of the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror. The People. The Sporting Life and Scotland's Daily Record and Sunday Mail, is planning to relist on the stock exchange early next month. Before this can occur, the

THE Conservative election

victory failed to lift consumer

confidence enough to pro-

duce the net increase in bor-

rowing City forecasters had

expected in April, official credit figures showed

Faced with rising unem-

ployment and slowing wage

growth, consumers continued

over from the borrowing

binge of the Eighties. New

credit advanced by finance

houses, building societies and

on credit cards in April rose to

£4.11 billion, after seasonal

adjustment, from £3.96 bil-

But the net figure for April,

which gives the change in the

amount of credit outstand-

ing, showed a fall of £56

million against a drop of £71

million in March. The repay-

ment trend has been evident

since the autumn. Ian

Shepherdson, economist at

PROFITS of BAA, the com-

pany that runs Britain's prin-

cipal airports, tumbled from

£247.3 million to £192 mil-

lion in the year ended March

after some hefty provisions in

respect of falling property val-

ues and a heavy redundancy

The group's property port-

folio has been written down

by £55 million which, togeth-

er with the £36 million redun-

spend £85 million on dou-

bling the size of its retail

operations over the next four

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lion in March.

company will publish its 1991 accounts, which will make provisions of about £350 million for cash syphoned out of the pensions fund and unauthorised loans to the private Maxwell companies. All these funds were allegedly drained out of the company after the flotation in May last year.

What the inspectors, John Laugharne Thomas QC and Raymond Turner, a chartered accountant of Neville Russell, will be looking at under section 432(2) of the Companies Act 1985 is whether the floration involved. whether the flotation involved fraud or deception on the part of the company or its advisers. The inspectors have also been appointed under section 442, where they can investigate company ownership and shadow directorships.

MGN's flotation was one of the few big corporate deals

Midland Montagu, said:

"The trend is still clearly to-wards repayment." He said debt repayment by the unem-

ployed and heavily-indebted

more than outweighed the

rise in gross credit generated by people with jobs and rising

Economists fear that unless

a greater readiness to take up

be the engine of recovery the

government expects. The City

hopes last month's half-point

cut in base rate will boost

figures revealed that borrow-

ing on credit cards picked up to £2.68 billion from £2.59

billion in March. The in-

crease probably stemmed

from the 0.8 per cent rise in

retail sales in April, but credit

card borrowing remained be-

Property slump dents BAA

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

years. This would give it one

billion square feet of retail

Sir John Egan, chief execu-

tive, added that by 1993-94

the group would be earning

more from retail than it

makes from charging airlines

fell by 19 per cent to 30.6p.

but this is still enough to cover

the increased dividend more

than twice. Shareholders re-

remained flat, but the first

two months of the current

year have shown a return to

Group earnings per share

for using its airports.

space by 1996.

low the level of April 1991.

The breakdown of the April

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**Consumers still** 

keen to cut debts

By Colin Narbrough

**ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT** 

to whittle away at the £30, more credit emerges soon,

last year. The merchant banks, stockbrokers, accountants and solicitors involved will all be called as witnesses by the inspectors along with MGN executives including Ian Maxwell, son of Robert Maxwell. They will be questioned on their due diligence in bringing the company to the market and on the preparation of the prospectus which promised that MGN was "on arm's length terms" from the rest of the Maxwell

empire. Samuel Montagu, Midland's merchant bank and the prime adviser to the com-pany, said they will be co-operating fully with the inspectors. Likewise, Salomon Brothers, the underwriter to the overseas placing and Smith New Court, the stockbroker to the issue, said they would be cooperating with

the enquiry.
MGN's flotation was considered no more than a lukewarm success at the time. Soon after, however, the shares started a steady decline until they languished at almost half the listing price of

almost half the listing price of 125p.

MGN's shares were suspended at 125p after news of Mr Maxwell's death. The controlling 51 per cent of the shares retained by Mr Maxwell were largely held by RM Holdings, which was owned by Headington Investments, a private Maxwell company.

The MGN prospectus clearly stated that 56 per cent of MGM's pension funds were managed by Maxwell companies.

companies. Of the two inspectors, Mr

Turner has already acted as a DTI inspector enquiring into ROW Holding a reta and property developer that went into liquidation in 1990. He criticised the stock exchange for approving and later withdrawing BOM's £15.7 million rights issue circular.

Mr Thomas was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in November 1969 and was appointed a QC in 1984. He specialises in commerical and international law, operating from chambers in Essex Court in the Temple in London, and is a recorder on Comment, page 21 the West Country Circuit.

growth. The group expects

annual growth "in the region

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of 5-8 per cent" this year.

get long sentence By Angela Mackay

have called for James Guerin, the former deputy chairman of Ferranti International, to be given a "lengthy" prison sentence for the "mind-boggling" criminal network he es-tablished and milked for

several years. Guerin, who pleaded guilty to eight counts of fraud and arms smuggling, will be sentenced on his 62nd birthday in a Pennsylvanian federal court this evening. He is asking for demency because he has "already been punished and humiliated and is truly sorry".

Assistant US attorneys Robent Goldman and Nicholas Harbist, however, are urging the sentencing judge. Louis Bechtle, to give Guerin a long sentence. They said his "unparalleled" crimes "imperiled the national security and defrauded thousands of trusting investors in the international

marketplace". They said Guerin also obstructed justice when he ordered the destruction of records related to arms smuggling to South Africa and bribed a Pakistani general with \$250,000 to vouch for a fake missile contract. After Guerin agreed to plead guilty and co-operate with the authorities, he was still deceptive. according to the prosecutors. He lied about money in his



# Call for Guerin to

US FEDERAL prosecutors to employees. He also gave a bogus account of how illegal arms sales were constructed. The prosecutors also say Guerin stole \$18 million for

himself using the corporate funds of his company. International Signal & Control, which merged with Ferranti International in 1987, as his "personal treasury". Guerin has countered with testimonies from his wife, his

five children, community leaders and Admiral Bobby Ray Inman who said Guerin displayed patriotism when he worked covertly for the CIA in the 1970s. Guerin resigned from the

board of Ferranti in May 1989, four months before the the defence and electronics group found a £215 million hole in its assets.

The company was forced to sell £500 million of assets and refinance its debt.

### **Creditors** of BCCI keep up the battle

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

DEPOSITORS in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International demanded higher compensation from the government of Abu Dhabi at a High Court hearing in London yesterday despite the government's in-

sistence its terms are final.

Touche Ross, BCCl's liquidator, is asking the court to approve a \$3 billion compensation plan negotiated with the Abu Dhabi authorities, BCCI's 77 per cent share-holder. But the creditors denounced the scheme and said it falls "far short" of a proper

Last week BCCI's creditors' committee voted seven to one against the scheme, despite warnings from Michael Crystal QC, who represents Touche, that a rejection could lead to a decade of litigation and leave little or nothing for creditors. If the scheme is rejected, Touche plans to sue the Abu Dhabi government to redeem the promissory

notes and letters of comfort.

The proposed scheme will create a fund to compensate BCCI's 800,000 worldwide depositors equally. The Abu
Dhabi government has
agreed to inject \$1.7 billion
into the fund and waive its claims on \$2 billion held by ICIC. BCCI's sister company. In return the liquidators have agreed to write off promissory notes worth \$3.8 billion from the Abu Dhabi government. and not to take any other legal action against it.

Depositors are owed an estimated \$10 billion and the scheme proposes to raise compensation for depositors from less than 10 per cent to between 30 and 40 per cent. The scheme must be approved by courts in London. Luxembourg and the Cay-man Islands, and by an estimated 70 per cent of depositors to succeed.

A statement from Tony Scott, the secretary of the **BCCI** Depositors Protection Association, said creditors had been presented with a 'fait accompli" by Touche and the settlement was "simply not good enough."

Despite this opposition Touche is asking for the court to approve the scheme. Mr Crystal said creditors had not come up with any viable alternative.

The case is expected to last

until Wednesday.

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### dancy provision, made a big spent almost 10 per cent ceive an 8.75p final payment. dent in little-changed operatgiving them 14.5p for the more in the past twelve ing profits of £283 million. year, a rise of 11.5 per cent. months than in the previous BAA accompanied the reyear, at a time when there was The number of passengers sults with news that it plans to a downturn in the high street.

Drums beat as Liberty girds for battle By Jon Ashworth

IN 1879, a handful of British soldiers fought off the Zulus at Rorke's Drift in one of the most courageous defences in military history. Four years earlier, Sir Arthur Liberty opened his first London shop at 218a Regent Street.

Now, Sir Arthur's descendants are squaring up for a battle which, in business terms, makes Rorke's Drift look like a minor scuffle. And it is no small irony that the aggressor. Brian Myerson, hails from the same corner of Africa as the Zulu hordes before him.

Liberty, which has branched out from its Regent Street base to become a general fashion retailer and wholesaler, was muddling along in its own quiet way until Mr Myerson appeared on the brow of the hill last October. One plunge of the assagai left his Concerto Capital trading company with 15 per cent of Liberty. In February, the assagai stabbed again. Mr Myerson wanted a

new chief executive. He wanted new money to lift the company out of its "pedestrian" performance. He wanted a say in how Liberty was run.

Now, with the Stewart-Liberty family firmly encamped behind a wall of advisers, Mr Myerson and his warriors are massing for the attack. On June 26, he will confront his foes at an extraordinary general meeting at Liberty's flagship London store.

Liberty's 800 shareholders are being asked to vote on changes to the company's share structure, which is presently split into voting and non-voting shares. Mr Myerson wants one structure giving votes for all. Liberty says the proposals would make the whole system more complicated.

It says as much in a letter to shareholders this week which urges them to vote against Mr Myerson. His proposals, says Liberty, will not enhance the marketability of the shares. Liberty shares have "substantially outper-

formed" share indices since Harry Weblin was appointed chairman in 1984. Earnings per share and dividends have increased by an average of 20 per cent per year in the same period. Mr Myerson's proposals are "muddled and ill-conceived".

Mr Myerson replied yesterday with a volley of his own. The shares had gone up since he came on board. Liberty's venture into America ended in disaster last year with the closure of three out of four stores. The company's sole nonexecutive director has held his post for 22 years and is a family relative.

They have set out to fudge the issue by trying to create the image that we don't know what we're talking about." said Mr Myerson, who plans to respond

with a letter of his own. Liberty remained unrepentant. "He does seem to change his game plan as the mood takes him," says John Pugh, finance director. "We must take a long term view." The drums are beating.

# Free limousines the USA.

Nadir has

46 charges

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THE bulk of the theft charges

brought against Asil Nadir

(above, yesterday), the former chairman of Polly Peck Inter-

national, the collapsed fresh

fruit, hotels and electronics

group, were struck out by a

Mr Justice Tucker, the judge assigned to Mr Nadir's pending trial scheduled for next March, dismissed 46

charges after hearing the

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The ruling, which was given at Birmingham Crown

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His solicitor said later: "Mr

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By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

RTZ is selling Rio Algom, its 51.6 per cent Canadian subsidiary, for a net £118 million in a deal on which it will suffer an extraordinary £30 million

Analysts are not totally sur-prised that Rio Algom is being sold. The subsidiary has suf-fered on the profits front from loss-making tin operations (now sold), and low prices for its uranium, copper, molybde-num, potash and coal output

Rio Algom's net profit con-tribution to RTZ in the year ended December was £1 I million against a £19 million profits contribution in 1990. The exit from Rio Algom leaves RTZ clear to concen-

trate all its North American interests through the 100 per cent-owned and North American-based

notice speaks of avoiding "the

potential for a conflict of interest". The shares are being sold to mainly Canadian institutional investors at C\$16.10 (£7.60) a share, payable in three tranches: C\$5.40 on June 25, C\$5.40 in June, 1993, and a final C\$5.30 on

Rio Algom was formed in 1960 and until 1969 remained the group's principal Canadian mining interest.
RTZ's international focus

June 24, 1994.

changed in 1989 when it bought BP Minerals for £2.26 billion, since when a potential for conflict of interest has

RTZ's carrying value of the Rio Algom stake is £148 million, which will result in an extraordinary loss of £30 million. RTZ said the sale pro-

### **Betterware** turns in 75 per cent increase

By Jon Ashworth

SELLING goods by catalogue has paid off handsomely for Betterware, the direct home shopping retailer, which has produced a 75 per cent leap in pre-tax profits.

Pre-tax profits in the year to

end-February soared to £7 million (£4 million) on turn-over up 44 per cent at £41.7 million. There was an exceptional charge of £322,000 (£90,000). A final dividend of 2.21p (1.65p) a share makes 3.06p (2.33p) for the year.

Betterware, Britain's second biggest direct home shopping retailer, is taking its formula to the Continent. It moved into France in September and is looking at Germany, Italy and Spain. The group is investing E9 million in a new distribution centre in the West Midlands.

Steps to expand will be monitored by Walter Gold-



### Milken 'planning return to Wall St'

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

US government prosecutors believe that Michael Milken. the jailed junk-bond king. plans to to return to corporate life when he leaves prison.

Milken, aged 45, who has completed 15 months of a tenyear sentence for securities fraud, gave evidence for the prosecution against Alan Rosenthal, his friend and former colleague, who was charged

with 11 counts of conspiring with Milken on a tax-fraud and embezzlement scheme. But prosecutors say Milken's testimony was conflict-ing and never offered any evidence that directly incriminated Mr Rosenthal.

This week's testimony was due to count in Milken's favour for a reduction in sentence. But lawyers close to the case doubted his performance would count for much. They believe he wishes to return to corporate life and prefers two more years in jail to incriminating a friend.

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has sold its 50% share in JA/MONT HOLDINGS N.V.

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### BUSINESS ROUND-UP

### Vallance expects lower growth rates for BT

PRICE restraint and increased competition will prevent British Telecom from returning to the high growth rates of the 1980s, lain Vallance, chairman, says in the annual report. He says the price formula under which BT can only increase its prices by five points less than inflation "is particularly tough at a time when inflation has been declining".

Prices and competition were two reasons why BT's financial performance was depressed in the year to March. Charges for main services were reduced by I per cent on average, while inflation ran at 5.8 per cent. Mr Vallance also blames recession for putting pressure on revenue growth. He says the company continued, however, to improve the quality of service. He confirms that, as part of a cost-cutting campaign, 24,000 jobs will go in the current year, adding: "We are determined that the job reduction scheme should be voluntiated." scheme should be voluntary."

### Pledges for Williams

WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, said in Williams US Holdings subsidiary has pledges from American investors to subscribe for \$175 million of guaranteed senior notes with maturities ranging from 10 to 20 years. The notes, guaranteed by Williams, will be issued by the subsidiary and will consist of four tranches with an average life of 13.2 years, priced at an average fixed rate of \$2.5 per cent.

### Japan trust unveiled

EDINBURGH Fund Managers (EFM) is to launch Britain's first general Japanese investment trust in over a decade. The trust, which is expected to be valued at £15-20 million, will be launched through a placing and intermediaries offer by James Capel. First dealing is expected to be on June 30. Iain Watt, the managing director of EFM, said EFM feels the "economic cycle is turning (and) the stock market is poised for recovery".

### Gresham dips

GRESHAM Industries, a South African wholesale distribution group with shares quoted in London, has reported pre-tax profits of 9.4 million rand (£1.8 million) for the thirteen months to end-April. On a 12-month basis the profits were R8.7 million against R9.3 million previously. No final dividend is being paid, due to a sharp deterioration in trading conditions in the second half, leaving the payout at 1.5p, compared with 3p previously.

### Rugby Group expands

RUGBY Group, the building materials supplier, is paying £15.3 million for various businesses of Ward Group, which was placed in administration last month. Rugby is buying Ward's building and components division in North Yorkshire, Abbseal, a glass processor and insulated glazing maker, Multicom, a maker and supplier of steel products in Colmar, France, and three other French companies marketing Atlas products in Germany and France.

### **GWR rockets 680%**

GWR Group, the independent radio contractor, saw pre-tax profits rocket 680 per cent to £254,000 (£32,500) in the six months to end-March. There is an interim dividend of 3p (1p). Earnings per share rose to 5.7p (0.7p). National advertising rose 15 per cent, reflecting improved listening figures and a more positive trading environment. Local advertising was up 12 per cent. Stations at Reading, Swindon and Bristol made particularly strong progress.

### Protean strengthens

PROTEAN, the laboratory equipment supplier and water purification specialist, lifted pre-tax profits 55 per cent to £2 million in the year to end-March. Turnover climbed 38 per cent to £22.7 million. A final dividend of 2.15p (1.9p) per share makes 2.75p (2.5p) for the year. Protean strengthened its presence in France with the purchase of Aquadem, a Paris company, in December. In February, it paid £4.94 million for Carbolite, a maker of laboratory furnaces.

### Acal slips to £2.8m

A SHARP downturn in sales margins in the UK, France and Italy saw pre-tax profits at Acal, an electronics and industrial controls distributor, slip to £2.8 million (£4.3 million) in the year to end-March. Sales volume was virtually unchanged at £58.5 million (£59.7 million). A final dividend of 3.9p (3.6p) a share makes 5.85p (5.4p) for the year. Acal opened an office in New York last year and is due to open one in Singapore this year.

### Firms seek **Euro links** at trade fair

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A NUMBER of British companies are looking to boost trade and co-operation with their European Community and eastern European counterparts by attending the latest Europartenariat international trade fair in northern Greece

The fair, in Thessaloniki on June 22 and 23, is aimed at small and medium-sized companies. Co-operation with European firms can be in the form of trade agreements, joint ventures, cross-distribution agreements, technological transfers or sharing research and development.

Already, more than 30 British companies, including several consultancies, have confirmed their participation in the now biannual event, while a similar number have expressed interest. British firms have shown the greatest interest among Western European nations, ahead of Germany.

About 400 Eastern European companies have so far confirmed their participation. A further 200 have shown an interest in contacting foreign counterparts in order to start business with them or form commercial links.

More than 300 Greek firms will attend, with the total number of international companies at in the two-day event expected to top 1,000.

### **Japanese** output may 'rebound'

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO JAPAN'S economic adjust-

ment is expected to last for the time being, but production may rebound during or after the summer, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) said in a report.
"If inventory adjustment proceeds steadily, chances are that production may rebound during or after the summer. the BoJ said in its annual

review of monetary and economic developments for the fiscal year ended last March The central bank also said the currently low growth in money supply does not seem to be hindering corporate activity or Japan's overall eco-

nomic growth. The report said Japan's inventory levels are still relatively high, and this in turn will encourage companies to keep reducing stocks and cut back production. But there are also forces that could lead the economy to bottom out. such as lower interest rates and increased government

spending. Employment growth is stable and consumer spending will grow steadily, while hous ing investment apparently has started to recover.

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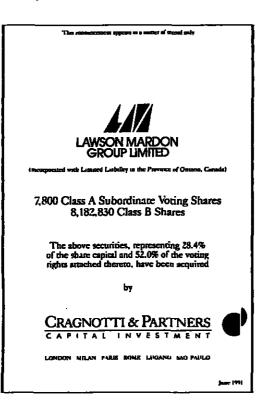
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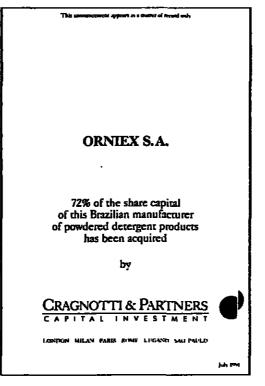
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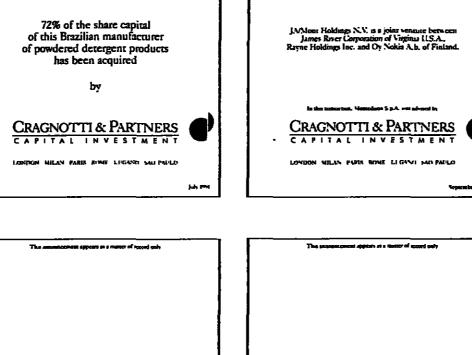
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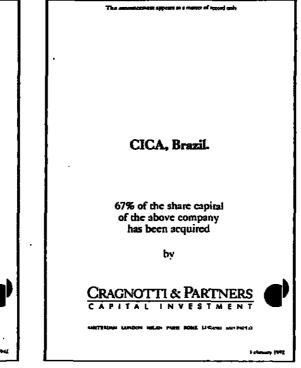
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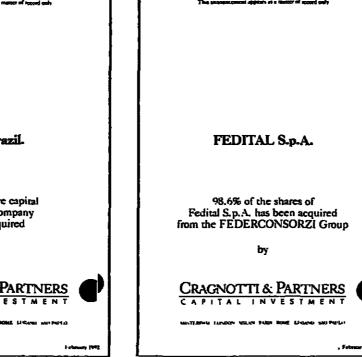
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# Heseltine urges exporters to lift performance

MICHAEL Heseltine, the trade secretary, warned Britain's exporters not to expect the government to solve all their problems in overseas markets.

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Mr Heseltine ruled out any moves to increase supportive government measures such as improving export credits. He said: "It is no use looking for one or two quick-fix headline-grabbing measures. There are none. You are more likely to see trade increase if

### Oil flows at BP's new field

BRITISH Petroleum said that production has started from the E1.3 billion Miller oilfield in the North Sea, 160 miles north east of Aberdeen. The first oil flowed at a rate of 20,000 barrels per day from a single well and will progressively build up to a plateau of 113,000 bpd, the company

Chris Gibson-Smith, chief executive of BP Exploration Europe, said: "Bringing the Miller field on stream is a major achievement and is the latest step in BP maintaining its North Sea production profile at 500,000 barrels a day of oil equivalent through into the next century."

The field, which has a life expectancy of ten years, should remain at its plateau for four years. Production of gas is scheduled to begin in July. Initially, gas will flow at a rate of 100 million standard cubic feet a day, reaching a peak of 186 million standard cubic feet before the end of

The Miller field was discovered in 1982 and straddles two North Sea blocks, 16/7b and 16/8b. It contains esti-240 million barrels of oil and 460 billion cubic feet of gas.

### Russian fall boosts gold

A prediction by Russia's gold industry chief that Russian gold production is likely to fall by 30 per cent this year and decline by a further 50 per cent next year gave the gold price some stability in world minerals markets

yesterday.

Although most European the first the state of the stat markets were closed for the Whitsun holiday, gold held steady, closing barely changed at \$338.75 an  $\mu_{n-1}, \dots, \mu_{n-1} \in \Lambda_0 \mathbb{R}^n$ ounce. Taiwan's 67 per cent  $\{\alpha,1,\dots,\alpha,\alpha-1\}^{\operatorname{part}^{\operatorname{link}}}.$ increase in gold imports to 91.4 tonnes in the first five months of this year also helped to stimulate

### **Dowty wins** fighter order

 $\hat{V}_{k}^{(n)} = \{0,\dots,n\}^{n-1}$ Dowty Group, facing a dead-line of 1pm on Wednesday in The great the hostile takeover bid from  $\operatorname{so}(\widetilde{X}^{(n)}) = \operatorname{so}(\widetilde{A}^{(n)})$ TI Group, has secured a \$200 million order for the F18 E/F fighter aircraft programme for the US Navy. Dowty says its aerospace division will supply over \$200

### OUI DIII IIII or of original equipment over the life of the programme. rebound Castle shuffle

Castle Underwriting, one of the few managing agency groups at Lloyd's which is growing, has announced a new group structure and has reaffirmed its commitment to add to its portfolio of syndicates. Castle has an underwriting capacity of £225 million and manages nine syndicates.

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Mr Heseltine admitted that help from the British Overseas Trade Board was still failing to reach the ma-jority of British firms. While users of the services are pleased with the helpfulness of BOTB staff, the advice and information services scored lower marks for the value of help provided and the speed

Mr Heseltine said: "What-ever we provide, a number of companies are not going to be satisfied. These things are about human beings in difficult services. I get a lot of praise just as I have with the diplomatic service that has been transformed over the past ten years.

"If businesses can't sell a product they may complain about the service but it may mean that the product is not worth selling."
The BOTB is targeting 54

countries around the world for an export push as British industry struggles out of recession. Despite having a budget of only £173 million in the financial year that ended in March, the board hopes to build on the record exports of £105 billion achieved by Britain in that period.

The drive to increase exports is seen as vital at a time when British markets are becoming vulnerable to continental firms in the single European market. Attempts to liberalise trade under the Gatt talks could also bring competitive imports into Brit-ain, Mr Heseltine said.

Mr Heseltine was launching the BOTB's annual report and forward plan. According to the report, staff costs and overheads swallowed up £123 million of the BOTB's

The remaining £50 million was spent on trade fairs and other promotions, although

RECEIVERS at AWD, the

failed lorry-builder, will re-

start talks with Libya and

Iran in an effort to conclude

contracts worth up to £170

million that could save the

To demonstrate their com-

mitment and realise cash, the

receivers will restart limited

production at the AWD plant

in Dunstable, Bedfordshire,

However, completion of

more than 80 vehicles under

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Production workers had

taken a pay cut and an early

holiday in an effort to ease the

company's cash outflow until

the new contracts were con-

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AWD was placed in admin-

istration by David Brown, its

owner and chairman, last

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company, which previously

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Doug Lawrence, who led

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this figure was partly offset by £18.5 million in receipts. The net spend was £31.1 million, down from £36.7 million in the previous year. The fall was due to a decline in the use of export marketing research.

Despite a budget of less than El million per target nation, the BOTB will be promoting British businesses in Western Europe, North America, Japan and the Asian Pacific rim.

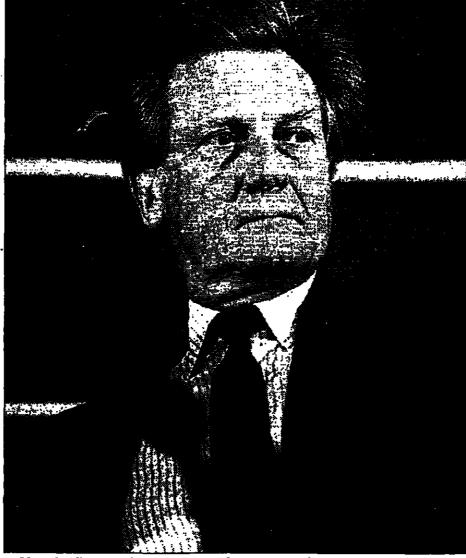
Its main promotion in 1991-2. Spotlight Spain, helped to bring a 15 per cent increase in British exports to that country.

The Middle East is also witnessing strong growth for British exporters, with sales up 30 per cent to Iran. Syria and Morocco and 20 per cent to Turkey. Even war-torn Lebanon saw a 60 per cent growth in purchases from

Mr Heseltine said the Danish "no" vote on the Maastricht Treaty would not halt trade harmonisation. He added: "Europe has been caught up in controversy lately but what is not controversial is the single European market. It is important to realise the pace at which it is

evolving.
"It is of fundamental importance that British businesses should not get a false message from the Danish vote. What has been put in place is the single market. Maastricht is about what should be added on. That message is not being misunderstood on the Continent and it is important that it is not misunderstood here."

Mr Heseltine claimed Britain was selling goods on quality but he warned: "There is already evidence that we are overpaying ourselves in comparison with our principal competitors. Unfortunately a price will be paid in terms of lost jobs and lost opportunities."



No quick fixes: Michael Heseltine rules out increasing government support

### Midland bidder lent \$787m

### **HSBC** is big O&Y creditor

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which today is seek-ing shareholder permission to proceed with its £3.9 billion bid for the Midland, has said it is one of Olympia & York's largest creditors with an exposure of US\$787 million.

The bank faces a loss of more than \$250 million on the loan even though it is secured on two of the Canadian property developer's largest equity holdings.

Hongkong Bank confirmed that \$750 million of its lending is part of the \$2.5 billion "jumbo" facility to O&Y. This has a first charge on the group's 71 per cent stake in Gulf Canada, the Canadian energy group, and 82 per cent of the shares in Abitibi-Price, the Canadian forestry products company.

Hongkong Bank said its exposure to Canary Wharf is only \$9 million, all fully secured. The bank's main O&Y loan was made by the foreign currency unit in Singapore, which is used as a booking centre for many of the group's largest exposures. The Hongkong Bank of Canada, the country's largest foreign-

owned bank, is unaffected.

Hongkong Bank would

combined value of the stakes is \$1.65 billion, \$850 million less than the facility. Hongkong Bank's share of the loss would be \$258 million, even assuming it could sell at market price. The loan is also guaranteed by O&Y.

The bank said it would make a provision for any fall

make a substantial loss on its

loans if it and the other banks

sold the shares of the two

companies immediately. The

in the value of the security in its figures this year as normal. As a result the bank's profits for the first half are likely to fall by up to £300 million.

### **Underwriter** at Lloyd's paid over £650,000

By Jonathan Prynn

IAN Agnew, one of the leading marine underwriters at Lloyd's, was paid more than £650,000 in salary, bonuses and profit commission last year, the accounts of a company where he is director have disclosed.

Mr Agnew's earnings make him one of the highest paid underwriters at Lloyd's. but the disclosure comes at an unfortunate time for the market, which continues to be rocked by the huge losses affecting names.
The 1991 accounts of Wel-

lington Underwriting Holdings show that Mr Agnew was its highest paid director, with earnings of £656,862. Of that, only £172,203 relates to his salary and a 5 per cent discretionary bonus paid by syndicate 406, of which he is the lead underwriter. A further £244,659 relates to profit commission paid to him by IC Agnew Underwriting, which was acquired by Wellington for £3.1 million in January. Further profit com-January. Further profit com-mission payments will be paid over the next two years.

The remaining £240,000 represents part of a loyalty bonus that was negotiated by Mr Agnew when he sold his company to Wellington. The loyalty bonus is included in the Wellington accounts as part of a £2.16 million provision on the net assets of IC Agnew. The loyalty bonus is payable over a period up to December 31, 1995.

Mr Agnew was formerly the underwriter for syndicate 672, one of the most profitable syndicates at Lloyd's in 1989, when the vast majority lost money. For the 1989 year of account it made a 12 per cent profit against an expected 17 per cent loss for the market. In 1989 its membership comprised 21.5 per cent working names, well above the market average. Syndi-cate 672 was merged into syndicate 406, a large, heavily loss-making marine syndicate, on January 1, and Mr Agnew was appointed under-writer in October 1990.

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The accounts show that Wellington Underwriting Holdings made a pre-tax profit of £1.5 million for the 15 months to end-December. compared with £4 million for the year 10 end-September 1990. The pay of John Prentice, the chairman who retired last month, rose by 32

per cent to £157,866. Lloyd's sources are playing down weekend reports that outside interests may offer to put new money into Lloyd's and turn the market into a limited liability company. Similar rumours have circulated at Lloyd's before.

### Kidnap fears grow in US

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK FEARS over executive safety are growing again in Ameri-ca following the disappear-ance of an Exxon executive more than a month ago and a recent gun-point kidnap of a Californian computer com-

pany boss. Kroll Associates, the New York crisis and security management concern, says the number of enquiries for its services has risen sharply in recent weeks. And Michael Hershman, president of the Fairfax Group, which plans security strategies for American and international companies, said: "It is always the case when there has been a violent kidnapping — our phones are ringing off the hook and then it calms down until the next incident."

Two have sparked off a new wave of executive stress. The first was the disappearance of Sidney Reso, the man in charge of Exxon's exploration outside the United States, who had been with the company for 35 years. He left his \$680,000 house at 7.30 am on April 29 for a 15-minute drive to Exxon's headquarters. But his wife found the car at the top of their secluded driveway with the engine idling, the doors closed and her husband's overcoat and briefcase inside.

A group calling itself the Kaindow Warmors company to have "lots of money ready". But the callers provided no proof they had Mr Reso. The case is being treated as a missing person.

Some days later Charles Geschke, president of the computer group Adobe Systems, was taken at gunpoint from the group's headquarters in Hollister, California. He was freed after an FBI team caught the kidnappers and took back \$650,000 in ransom money.

Security experts say kidnapping is rarely successful in America because the law makes it a crime not to report a snatch to the FBI. That alone rules out attempts by amateurs to negotiate a settle-

ment quietly.

South America, the Philippines, Spain and Italy are among the world's top danger zones. In 1973 Exxon paid one of the highest ransoms on record, \$14.2 million in \$100 bills for the return of Victor Samuelson after he was abducted by Marxist guerrillas in Argentina. John Horn, Kroll's manag-

ing director in New York responsible for crisis management and corporate security practices, says executives often fail to pick up the earliest signs of danger.

Depending on the kind of crime being planned, most will carry out surveillance. Unusual telephone calls to home or office from people seeking information about habits and routine of the person they have selected as their target should not be ignored," he said.

# Receivers aim to conclude contracts with Libya and Iran to save AWD



ford marque, from General Motors of America in 1987. Mr Brown's other businesses, including Artix, the dump truck maker, are unaffected

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In administration: David Brown of AWD

level of two years ago. by the receivership. Mr Thompson said the re-Far Eastern manufacturers

tact with "a substantial number of concerns" who have expressed an interest in acquiring the business. "Contracts in prospect both in the UK and overseas are being vigorously pursued." he said. Some industry observers believe that a purchase by a Japanese lorry builder holds out the best hope of rescue for

AWD. There is already sub-

stantial surplus lorry manufacturing capacity in Europe, and sales in the British market, are especially weak, running at less than half their

have made inroads into third world markets, which AWD has targeted in recent years, but have scored only limited success in Europe. General Motors began

building trucks in Luton, Bedfordshire, in 1931. The Dunstable plant, opened on a 97-acre site 40 years ago. When General Motors pulled out of lorry manufacture in Europe in 1987, and sold the

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business to Mr Brown for £20 million, the plant was losing £500,000 a week. Mr Brown's hopes of win-

ning a key order from the defence ministry were dashed when a rival vehicle built by Leyland DAF was chosen. However, AWD found its niche in building especially robust vehicles for use in developing countries, and servicing the local authority market in Britain. Last year, the company

built more than 3,000 lorries. However, only 22 were completed in January, and in February output was halted as negotiations continued over two key export orders.

Imposition of limited sanctions, affecting airlinks, sales of military equipment and technical assistance, have stymied efforts to sign a contract, worth up to £100 million to supply trucks for Libya. The company is also believed to be awaiting letters of credit to underpin the sale of lorries in kit form for assembly in Iran, a deal worth a further £70 million.

Mr Lawrence, of the AEEU, said that if the orders were confirmed, the company would be able to re-employ many of the redudant workers. The trade unions would lobby in an effort to ensure government did not impede the receivers' efforts to secure the contracts, he said.

### NatWest shareholding uncovered by WPP

By JONATHAN PRYNN

WPP, the debt-laden marketing services group headed by Martin Sorrell, has uncovered an 8 per cent holding in its convertible preference shares taken by National Westminster Bank.

The stake, which was only disclosed after WPP sent out Section 212 notices to flush out the identity of the buyer, is significant because Nat-West's subsidiary, County NatWest, is a main dissident campaigner against the terms offered to convertible shareholders under a recent capital reconstruction proposal.

In an investment note dated May 13. County analysis recommended shareholders vote against the proposals. The note commented that "should WPP be successful in gaining approval for this re-

### Yeltsin holds oil prices

BORIS Yeltsin, the Russian president, said energy prices would not be freed before the end of the year, Itar-Tass news agency said. It quoted Mr Yeltsin as saying he did not intend to back away from the strategy of switching Russia from a command economy to capitalism, but planned changes in tactics. Freeing oil prices is a key

demand of the International

Monetary Fund before it unlocks a promised \$24 billion in aid to Russia and other ex-Soviet states.

The government raised oil prices about fivefold last month as a preliminary to lifting all price controls. But Mr Yeltsin has come under domestic political pressure to hold off taking the final step. which had been expected within three months.

Boris Yeltsin stressed that after the first price hike energy prices would not be raised before the end of the year."

Tass said. (Reuter)

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# Mining chief mourns UK decline

By Colin Campbell, mining correspondent

LONDON is fast losing, if it has not already lost, its traditional place as the world's leading research and fundraising centre for precious and base metal mining ven-

Dedicated mining analysis within individual London stockbroking firms, whose numbers were once sufficient to field a firm's rugby team, have fallen faster than auturn leaves. The number of mining shares that can be taken as seriously significant

is today but a handful. Algy Cluff, chairman of Cluff Resources, a gold mining and exploration group that is developing gold mines in Zimbabwe and Ghana, is dispirited by what he calls the unhappy, or almost delinquent, condition of the UK Gold Fields and Charter Consolidated. But of these, only RTZ remains a mining con-He is not alone among mining chiefs in his gloom. cern, Mr Cluff said.

But he says he is seeking a Selection Trust was taken listing for Cluff shares on the over by BP. Consolidated Gold Fields fell to Hanson Johannesburg Stock Exand has been disbanded. change in the hope that the South African investment Charter moved away from mining to concentrate on incommunity, which is more dustrial interests. dedicated to mining, will fol-The disappearance of these low Cluff with greater

companies has, in turn, led to Johannesburg, he told last the disappearance of the Cluff says it has already ing market in the world, as

received a favourable reaction from analysts and investors in Johannesburg, and that it will be making a formal visit and presentation to the South African investment community in July. It is likely that Cluff will

issued capital with South African investors. Mining analysts in London

concede that their numbers have fallen in recent years, and blame the fall in the gold price for the large number of empty desks. Presentations in London

place up to 5 per cent of its

from American, Australian and South African mining companies remain well attended - at times by almost 200 people - and London followers are anxious for updates on mining ventures and projects from around the world. But the majority of today's followers of mining companies come from consultancies and other investmentrelated concerns, rather than from stockbroking firms.

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### **Pleasing** data from EDP at half time

ELECTRONIC Data Processing, which is engaged in software computer activities. continues to please the market with a further improvement in profits.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-March totalled £2.41 million, compared with £1.87 million, despite a fall in turnover from £8.65 million to £7.47 million.

Pre-tax profits in the 12 months that ended on September 30 were £4.08 million on a turnover of £17.4 million.

Michael Heller, the chairman, says trading conditions were difficult during the in-terim period, and that trading conditions remained

depressed.
The company said sales of its Mentor computer systems and increased service revenues had helped, and that service revenues were now running in excess of E8 million a year

EDP also benefited from a product that had been specifically developed for the wholesale distribution industry.

In April, EDP bought a freehold property in Sheffield, known as Beauchief Hall, for £1.65 million, which will be its base for expanding software research and development facilities.

EDP was holding cash balances of £11.25 million on March 31, and says that it is interested in making acquisitions.

The interim dividend is raised from 1.75p to 2p a share, declared out of net earnings that advanced from 14.69p to 18.83p a share. The shares rose 12p to

Moscow's yes to privatising

The City of Moscow has agreed to implement a privatisation action plan drawn up by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The document covers a wide range of activities, including the privatisation by international tender of several hotels, the EBRD said. Other projects will include the sale or restructuring of businesses in key sectors of the city's economy, including construction, food processing and transport.

Moscow has asked the EBRD to help in mobilising external finance for technical assistance based on the action plan. "The bank has adopted at achieving rapid, transparent and effective privatisation," said Charles Vuylsteke, head of privatisation at the EBRD.

The bank has gathered data on 5,000 enterprises and now intends to help the Moscow authorities to privatise businesses that employ more than 200 people.

# BAA riding high on retail potential

AS out-of-town retailers go. BAA arguably has a more captive customer base than most. Sir John Egan's recognition of the potential this offers explains his promise to expand his selling space at a faster lick than the most adventurous of the supermar-

By the end of next year the group expects to be earning more from its retail opera-tions than from its airport charges, so perhaps its financial performance should be judged against those of the multiple store chains, rather than road haulage and air freight companies.

This may be one reason behind the popularity of BAA shares, which have substantially outpaced the market since the beginning of the year, along with the general satisfaction that emanated from the Civil Aviation Authority's climb-down over BAA's pricing policy.

The latest results confirm that BAA continues to squeeze first-class results out of adversity. Although prop-erty write-offs of £55 million and redundancy costs of £36 million produced the odd gasp, the same-again 72 mil-lion passengers generated 9 per cent more income, in the face of a 19 per cent workforce reduction. Productivity rose by 6.5 per cent, and

there is clearly more to come. There's no substitute for passengers however, and it is is expected to be up to 8 per cent higher this year. If more than one in three can be persuaded to spend money in the I billion so ft of retail floor-space that Sir John plans by 1996, the £85 million expenditure will be retrieved in short time.

Meanwhile, it is at times like these that the group's policy of averaging out its years is most appreciated by shareholders, who collect an 11.5 per cent dividend rise in the face of a 19 per cent earnings decline.

Analysts expect a pre-tax covery to at least £285 million this year, which would produce earnings in excess of 42p. indicating a p/e multiple of little more than 16 at last night's 680p share price. Despite the 50 per cent rise, the shares still have their attractions.

### Henderson Administration

FEW companies have been in a downward spiral as long as Henderson Administration. At its height in 1987, the company had 246 institutional clients and more than £9 billion under management. But two years of poor performance led to a mass exodus and today clients number 168 while assets total only £7.4 billion.

There are signs, however, heartening to hear that traffic that the group is finally



Shopping around: Sir John Egan sees potential in BAA's customer base

stopping the rot Investment management groups survive on the performance of their funds, and Henderson has finally dragged its three-year figures above the industry average. If it achieves another year of good performance its

begin to look healthy. As a result, the group is confident it has stemmed the defections. This was highlighted in its pre-tax profits for the year to end-March, which rose 7 per cent to £17 million. Growth of 40 per cent in operating profits countered a 20 per cent drop

five-year statistics will also

in investment income due to the fall in interest rates. The reinvigoration has carried Henderson into new

businesses in the past year. These include the acquisition of a 25 per cent stake in Sabre. a futures and options fund manager, and the formation of unit-trust administration business with Gartmore, the retail fund manager.

The group should still make £18 million this year, which puts the shares, at 745p, on a price/earnings ratio of 13. The most attractive aspect for investors is the dividend of 41 p.

per cent yield. Worth considering, provided Henderson's fund managers continue to exercise their recently acquired

### RTZ

RTZ has always aimed to be a world player in whatever it digs up or turns out. The group was astute enough in the late 1980s to sell out of a host of non-core assets before picking up the prize in mining markets — BP Minerals, including Kennecott, for ..26 billion.

However, chairman Sir which puts the shares on a 7.3 Derek Birkin's most telling

a tailspin after the decision by

Lloyds Bank to withdraw its

bid for Midland, leaving the

way open for the Hong Kong

and Shanghai Bank to pur-

sue its £3.9 billion offer. Now

that the bid seems sewn-up.

Midland shares retreated

leaving the speculators nurs-

ing hefty losses and finishing

26p lower at 420p.

Rio Algom, RTZ's 51.5 per cent Canadian subsidiary, for a net £118 million, was the reference to avoiding "the potential for a conflict of interest" (with Kennecott).

Rio Algom has not covered itself in profits glory in recent years. Loss-making tin operations were closed in 1991. uranium operations are only profitable because of a longterm Japanese contract, and the real promise of its copper operations lies in the years ahead. In 1991 Rio Algom, flush with cash from the sale of stainless steel interests, was no more imaginative than to pay out the proceeds via a special dividend.

While a £118 million contribution to RTZ coffers will make a modest dent in net gearing, perhaps RTZ's real master plan is that Kennecott is about to find something of some significance in its geographical home.

A diamond find by Kennecott would be of greater benefit to RTZ, owning 100 per cent, than sharing a Rio Algom find with its minority shareholders.

There could be some modest relief to RTZ's advance corporation tax headache if all the Canadian funds were brought back to London. although the tax will not go away until RTZ acquires something of real significance in Britain. That too could happen. Stick with the

group, attracted institutional

support, adding 6p to 475p.

as Nomura, the Japanese se-

curities house, continued tak-

firing on all cylinders and is

likely to make further impres-

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Northern Foods was a ner-

vous market, losing 10p at

594p, ahead of figures tomor-

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### Japanese criticise trading partners

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JAPAN is being victimised by the unfair policies of big trading partners, especially America. Europe and South Korea, the international trade and industry ministry said.

In its first annual report on unfair trading practices to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), the ministry in particular cited unilateral measures and violations of Gatt rules such as anti-dumping measures. The report, submitted to

the Uruguay round of global trade talks sponsored by the Gatt. focuses on relations with ten leading trading partners - the United States, the European Community, South Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Hong Kong. Canada, Singapore. Thailand and Malaysia.

America was found to be practising nine out of ten unfair policies listed in the report, while the EC and South Korea were both responsible for six.

Japan is especially opposed to a law that allows Washington to retaliate unilaterally against trading partners deemed to be acting unfairly and a decision to tighten antitrust laws against foreign companies.

Brussels was criticised for anti-dumping measures and quantitative restrictions on imports of certain Japanese products such as cars.

Other practices slammed in the report include countryof-origin policies applied to goods made by Japanese companies outside of Japan. public bidding procedures and new areas such as intellectual property rights.

Although ranking among Japan's top ten trading partners. China and Taiwan were both excluded from the report ing a positive view of the as neither is a Gatt member. shares. It reckons the group is

### US urges banks to act on credit

John Robson, the deputy American treasury secretary. has said the Bush administration worked hard to ease the credit crunch and now it is up to banks to lend and work with troubled borrowers.

"Now it's the banks' turn. Frankly, it's time for the banks to step up to the plate and start lending," Mr Robson said in remarks prepared Association conference.

Mr Robson said the administration urges banks to make loans to sound borrowers and work with them through temporary difficulties.

STOCK MARKET

TURNOVER slumped close to its lowest levels of the year falls of £4. Leading shares were all as if confirming recent find-

ings that the post-election euphoria has finally evaporated. Share prices were left with little guidance as most of Europe's main financial centres remained closed for an official holiday. By the close of business in London 305 million shares had changed hands.

Brokers have been complaining for the past few weeks that the equity market has lost its way with little hard evidence emerging to confirm that the economic recovery is The FT-SE 100 index drift-

ed steadily throughout the session to close near its low for the day with a fall of 22.7 at 2,645.8. Dealers fear it could fall below the 2,600 level in the short-term with the London market looking fully valued for the time being.

Government securities continued to worry about the Maastricht agreement and its impact on the currency markets after Denmark's "no" vote. Prices at the longer end of the market suffered

dragged lower by the absence of buyers. There were setbacks for ICI, 15p to £13.12. BOC Group, 8p to 675p, SmithKline Beecham 'A', 12p to 878p, Glaxo, 8p to 732p, Fisons, 8p to 352p, Bass, 11p to 594p, and Courtaulds, 14p to 547p. BAA, the airport operator,

rose 14p to 679p helped by some better than expected full year figures. Pre-tax profits were down from £247 million to £192 million but this was at the top end of City forecasts and was struck after property provisions of £55 million and redundancy costs totalling E36 million.

RTZ, the mining finance group, fell 8p to 618p after announcing plans to dispose of its 51.5 per cent stake in Rio Algom for £118 million. But the sale will result in an extraordinary loss of £30 million because Rio Algom had a

book value of £148 million. Wolseley, the building products group, lost 10p at 403p as Charterhouse Tilney

WOLSELEY: SHARES HIT AS BROKERS CONTINUE TO DOWNGRADE PROFITS

Prices dragged lower by absence of buyers

joined the growing queue of brokers lowering their profit forecasts for the group. It has cut its estimate for the year to July by £8 million to £67 million and by a similar amount for next year to £85 million. Last week, one broker cut its forecast by £10 million after speaking to the

Lucas Industries continued to suffer the consequences of last week's visit to America by City analysts as the shares fell a further 7p to 130p. On Thursday, James Capel cut its

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profit forecast by £5 million to £20 million and it seems that Warburg Securities is also taking a bearish view of prospects in the wake of the trip.

nursing a fall of 13p to 733p after a profits downgrading by Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house.

The clearing banks were in

Lloyds, which has also indicated that it has no intention of bidding for any other banks, fell 6p to 430p. Its name had been linked with the TSB Group, 7p lower at 144p, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 9p cheaper at

Bardays Bank, which has been on the receiving end of some hefty profit downgradings in recent weeks lost another 7p at 361p. National

Cadbury Schweppes, the

Westminster also shed 10p at

confectionery and soft drinks

### MICHAEL CLARK

**Bargain-hunting pulls** Nikkei off lows at close Tokyo - Shares ended weak- HSBC ended HK\$1.50 lower

WORLD MARKETS

er but off their lows in very dull, sleepy trade. Arbitrage unwinding pressured the market while most investors sat out the market ahead of Friday's futures settlement, brokers said.

Bargain-hunting pulled the market off from deep drops towards the end of the day with the Nikkei average closing 134.98 pointslower at

☐ Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index returned below 6,000, as investors took profits on HSBC Holdings and other blue chips, brokers said.

day holiday. closed easier in uneventful trading. The Straits Times

was closed for the Whit Monday public holiday. (Reuter)

drifted lower in early trade. reflecting a lack of both interest and conviction by investors ahead of inflation and retail sales data later in the The Dow Jones industrial

average was 4.15 points lower at 3,394.54. In the broad market, declining shares led Bank, clearing the way for a successful HSBC offer. The Hang Seng closed down 57.05 points at 5,978.75. ☐ Sydney — The market was closed for the Queen's birth-☐ Singapore — Share prices

at HK\$46.75 (£3.29p) after

Lloyds Bank announced it

would not bid for Midland

industrial index slipped 3.14 points to 1,500.58. ☐ Frankfurt — The bourse

### Blue chips drift down New York - - Blue chips

advancing shares by a narrow margin on slow volume of 13 million shares.

Analysts said a disappointing May employment report last week and the Dow's failure to hold above 3,400 had eroded buyer confidence. But they also believe sellers are frustrated by the blue chip (Reuter) refusal to retreat.

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# Consumers show spirit

The signs of a post-election economic recovery may be ambiguous and elusive, but they are there. The credit business figures released yesterday are among the less widely-followed economic statistics, partly because analysts are unsure which of the figures to look at. Some follow the series for net credit outstanding to consumers, which fell again in April, for the eighth time in nine months. This seems to imply further retrenchment in the high street, despite the election fillip.

By contrast, economists of a more bullish disposition can point to the figures on new credit advances. New consumer lending in April was £4.11 billion, 4 per cent up from £3.96 billion in March and the highest monthly figure since July last year. New lending on bank credit cards showed the biggest advance, to £2.68 billion in April from £2.59 billion in March. This, too, was the highest figure since last July and was almost 10 per cent above the average monthly credit card lending in 1991. Common sense suggests that credit card lending is probably the fastest-reacting category of consumer lending and is especially sensitive to the spirits of affluent consumers who benefited from the election result. Even the continuing reduction in total net credit outstanding can be seen as good news. Consumers are slowly but steadily working off their debt burdens. Building society and finance house loans are being rapidly repaid, while credit card debt and loans through retailers are growing. The first two categories suggest that a still-rumbling echo from the housing boom and bust. But many consumers are not overexposed to the housing market, and they may finally be starting to spend.

On balance, consumer spirits did seem to revive after the election. The question is whether the economic recovery will be strong enough to put idle workers and factories back into productive use.

### A fair shaikh

f you walk down the Strand one evening and hand out ten-pound notes to the homeless and needy, few of them will refuse. If they are depositors in the crashed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, however, the chances are they will try to renegotiate. The financial health of the creditors of BCCI hangs in the balance this week. On one side stand Touche Ross, the bank's liquidators, and the government of Abu Dhabi, the majority shareholders, who are asking for the court to approve a \$3 billion compensation scheme. On the other are the representatives of 800,000 depositors, who are intent to throw the plans back in their faces.

They do so at their peril. Last week, the Abu Dhabi government made it clear that its offer of a \$1.7 billion cash injection was final, and Touche believes it. The depositors still believe they can wring better terms from Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, Abu Dhabi's ruler. But if the High Court rejects the scheme and the Abu Dhabi government is as good as its word, the alternative is bleak. Touche will be forced to enter a decade of protracted litigation against the Abu Dhabi authorities, to try to make them redeem the \$4 billion in promissory notes they gave the bank before it was closed.

bu Dhabi government would sue for the recovery of assets worth \$2 billion, lodged in the bank's sister company. The cost of the litigation could, in Dickensian style, leave nothing for creditors at its completion, win or lose. The proposed scheme, by contrast, should speedily repay 32 per cent of creditors' claims — better than anyone could have hoped for last summer. If the court approves the scheme on Wednesday, BCCI's depositors will be asked to vote on it. They should do as the Bank of England's Deposit Protection Board, and accept.

# Sparks will fly when electricity distributor results start to flow

On the day that

PowerGen reports.

Martin Waller assesses

the implications of excessive profits for the whole industry

ackbench MPs, tabloid pundits and other soap-box orators who are revelling in the open hunting season for the water companies should be sure to save some of their ire for the electricity industry. The water industry can at least point to the need for heavy capital investment to justify big price rises and more modest increases in profit. Electricity companies will make much more tempting targets for the critics when their reporting season for 1991-2 starts.

Nearly all the backlog of capital

spending on the core business of the 12 distribution companies, conveying power to people's homes, has been completed, excepting one-offs such as repairing storm damage. Yet the profit increases to be announced over the next month are staggering, certain to cause political ructions and largely the result of bad judgment. excessive caution and, it must be admitted, bad luck on the part of the government and its advisers.

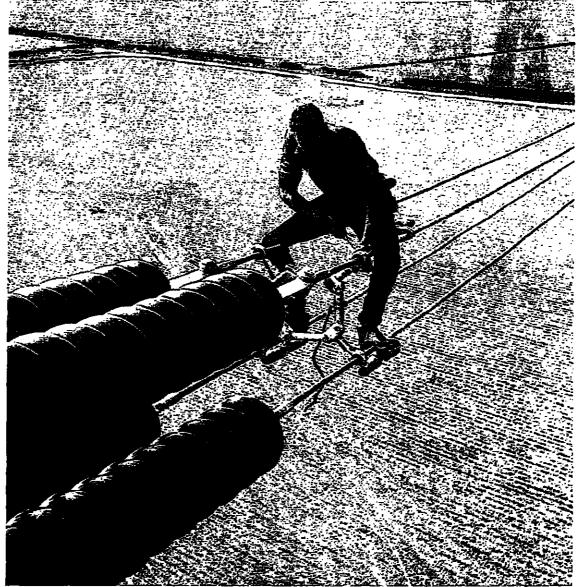
City analysts expect the distributors to increase their profits before tax by an average in excess of 40 per cent, to a total of more than £1.4 billion. Some of the rises will be far higher; profits from Norweb will appear to double, partly due to big provisions made last time, and Marweb should enjoy an 80 per cent increase.

The increases are from profits in the 1990-1 financial year that were themselves much higher than budgeted in original government forecasts. The distributors were floated in December 1990. Significantly, this was just before their most important trading period, in the winter months, and the prospectus forecasts proved too pessimistic.

Essentially, the government and its highly-paid advisers came up with excessively cautious forecasts because of fears of higher oil prices before the Gulf war and because of unpredictable movements in the inflation rate, which made a mockery of the assumptions made when the companies set their tariffs. The industry has since had the benefit of lower costs, after widespread redundancies and a tougher approach to labour relations. So far, these cost savings have not been reflected in the charges levied on consumers. For the current year, domestic tariff increases averaged below the inflation rate.

Last year any potential dispute over profits was defused by an even worse one over executive pay. John Major, no less, condemned "excessive" top salary increases, notably at the two main generating companies, in the House of Commons.

Two simple facts serve to put this simmering and increasingly tiresome argument into perspective. Southern Electricity, the biggest of the distribu-



High wire act: storm repairs apart, most power company capital spending has now been undertaken

tors, is worth about £1 billion on the stock market. Duncan Ross, the chairman, earned £197,000 in the 1990-1 financial year. Take a clutch of industrial companies, selected at random, of an equivalent market capitalisation: BET. De La Rue. GKN, Granada Group, Pilkington and TI Group. Last reported salaries of the top men there range from £271,000, 38 per cent ahead of Mr Ross, to about £500,000.

At National Power, news that John Baker, chief executive, could hope to earn anything up to £150,000 a year came on the same day as Mr Ross's windfall and prompted Mr Major's condemnation. Mr Baker's is a fulltime, seven days a week post; a year earlier, and with significantly less fuss, Sir Trevor Holdsworth had been made National Power's chairman, on a package worth £185,000 a year would occupy three or four days a week at most. Sir Trevor, former head of GKN and president of the CBI, is an industry heavyweight; National Power was merely paying the going rate.

National Power and the smaller PowerGen, which is reporting final figures today, will miss out on the profits jamboree enjoyed by some of the distributors, contenting them-selves with profits rises, the City

believes, of just 20 to 30 per cent. They have had a comfortable year, skirmishes with the electricity industry regulator notwithstanding, relying on fixed-price contracts with British Coal, whose largest customer they are. The generators face a less predictable future after the existing coal contracts come to an end next spring. The government is pledged not to interfere in the heated negotiations taking place over the new contracts but would dearly love to see a continuing long-term commitment to take coal at above world market prices, which would make the task of

selling British Coal easier.

The generators would like some assurance that if they agree to take coal at above current world prices to secure their supply, denying the consuthe output of coal-fired power stations will not eventually be displaced by power from the growing number of gas stations now being built by independents, in which distributors have a significant equity involvement, on top of those being built by National Power and PowerGen. The distributors can, under existing rules, pass on any higher cost of power generation to their customers, but this indulgence could have a limited shelf

life. The government shows signs of wanting to limit further large-scale investment in gas generation.

In this tangle of conflicting interests someone will have to lose. The finger points at those same electricity distributors about to announce what critics are bound to denounce once again as "obscene profits".

In all decenty, the distributors should suffer. There is little justification in, for example, London Electricity, whose distribution network is mainly safely underground and whose capital spending requirements are minimal, raking in profits of £150 million in 1991-2 against a prospectus forecast of £116 million for the previous year. The companies raised howls of protest when a modicum of debt was injected into the industry before privatisation as part of the government's proceeds of sale, but al ane eliminating their debt.

They can keep the money in the bank, take it out to gloat over occasionally, and wait for the inevitable takeover bid when the rules allow. They can hand it over to shareholders by raising dividends. Or they can fritter it away through diversification the industry is still heavily staffed by those who have been there all their lives and have no experience of doing anything else. The government's dif-

ficulty is finding a mechanism by which some of that surplus cash can find its way back to the public. A oneoff tax levy might be politically popular but would break faith with

investors and not help consumers.
In theory, the regulatory regime as overseen by Professor Stephen Little child allows no easy solution. John Wright, director of regulatory services at Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance and adviser to a range of privatisations including electricity, points out that the government and not Professor Littlechild put the present system in place and promised that it would be immune from political interference.

"Having set the price cap, the government believes that allows the companies to earn a reasonable return. In so far as they do better than that, it demonstrates their good management and true efficiency. It is really for the regulator to determine whether action is necessary." he says.

ne longer-term option might be a switch to regulation based on rate of return on capital employed, an approach favoured by Sir James Mackinnon, the gas industry watchdog, who has suggested a real return of 5 to 7 per cent. Nigel Hawkins, utilities analyst at Hoare Govett, estimates that the distributors now enjoy rates of return of 9 to 9.5 per cent. The government has up to now rejected direct rate of return regulation because it removes incentives to capital efficiency. This type of regulation also invites clever accounting that boosts the value of the assets and so cuts the rate of return, a move the distributors probably already have under advanced consideration.

In the meantime, the regime envisages no movement of the goalposts, the price caps that govern tariff rises, before 1994 and they must be agreed with the industry under the usual threat of a time-consuming Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry. This is hardly the stuff of which quick political fixes are made. After comparable above-expected profit rises in the water industry in their second year in the private sector, the director general of water services, badgered his charges into volunteering to charge prices below the set limits.

Professor Littlechild could try a similar exercise this autumn, without inflicting any permanent damage on the prospects or stock market perception of the distribution companies. His seeming impotence in the face of what could prove to be politically embarrassing profit rises partly explains industry cocktail party chitchat that the knives are out for him in Whitehall. He would be a hard man to remove in mid-contract, but would

"The interaction of the regulatory regime and introduction of competition is leading companies to improve customer services," Penny Boys, Pro-fessor Littlechild's deputy, said in a conference speech recently. "More and more, they now put the emphasis on the customer first." Her remarks could have a hollow ring a couple of weeks hence, when it becomes apparent just whose interests the industry is really putting first.

### Cohen breaks cover

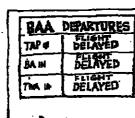
AFTER writing three crime

novels under the pseudonym of Janet Neel, Charterhouse director Janet Cohen, aged 51, has decided to "give up being furtive" and publish her new novel, The Highest Bidder, under her own name. The book, centred on a management buyout from central govemment, draws on Cohen's experience as one of the City's leading MBO specialists and. she says, is the first "true novel" she has yet written in which "no one gets dead". Cohen, aged 51, yesterday blew her cover as an anonymous authoress by appearing on Melvyn Bragg's Radio 4 Start the Week show which provoked lively debate. Bragg said he did not believe local overnment was as corrupt as Cohen's book makes out. But Cohen maintains "skulduggery in every form is always around where people are competing for power and money and that includes local authorities". Perhaps surprisingly. The Highest Bidder leatures no top woman MBO specialists. The nearest it gets to a high-powered female City figure is the heroine, Caroline, a senior commercial lawyer. Although Cohen originally qualified as a solicitor, however, she warms readers against thinking the heroine is anything like her creator. "She is far tougher than I've ever

### Capn's choice

GEORGE London, chief executive of Midland Montagu. is one person who obviously

found it in my heart to be."





"That should crowd them into our nice new shops."

does not mind the nickname colleagues have devised for him. The Dutch-born, much travelled Loudon is widely known as The Flying Dutch-man around MM's Thamesside headquarters. His choice of opera as host of the first night of the 21st Midland Bank Proms at the Royal Opera House last night? None other than Der Fliegende Hollander. Wagner's opera about the Dutch sea captain doomed to travel the oceans.

### Packing a punch

AN ILLICIT raiding of the hospitality trolley appears to have done wonders for the aim Fred Carr of WI Carr and a team of City colleagues at Saturday's clay pigeon shooting competition at West Wycombe Shooting Ground. The celebrity-studded event, organized by Rothmans International in aid of the Nordoff-Robbins music therapy centre, raised £100,000 with Carr's City team, including Peter Hambro, Cl. Laing & Cruick-

mer Lloyd's broker Nick Scott, winning third place among 18 entries. According to Carr. a lack of formal shooting skills was more than made up for by having "no weak links" on board and a well-timed midmorning tipple. Among those beaten were Johann Rupert of Rothmans and team mates Imran Khan and George Moreton, the latter acknowledged as one of the best game shots in the country. "It was pretty amazing to come out ahead of them." said Carr. "It's extraordinary what half a glass of Pimms can do," he

shank's Tim Hoare, and for-

### Taking it literally IVANA Trump, ex-wife of

failed property tycoon Donald, has been at pains to stress that she has contributed as much as her ghostwriter to her novel For Love Alone which she launched in London last Thursday. Her publisher, Random House, however, seems not to be placing overmuch reliance on Ivana's writing skills. Its two-book contract with the author, worth E500,000, required her to deliver a "verbal synopsis" of her next novel rather than the conventionally stipulated written one. One person who is apparently not amused is La Trump's editor, Kate Parkin. Parkin is said to have been tearing her hair out last week after a transatiantic telephone call during which the Czechborn Ivana outlined the plot for her latest novel in blow-byblow detail for one-and-a-half

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### BUSINESS LETTERS

High taxation weakens Denmark From Mr C.Smith However, while Danish vot-

Sir. There is one important weakness in the Danish economy which is not mentioned in Colin Narbrough's post-Maastricht referendum article (June 3) and that is taxation. The highest rate of income

tax in Denmark is 68 per cent and there is also a net wealth tax of 1 per cent which can mean an overall tax on income of over 100 per cent. Thus Denmark, together with Norway, is the most heavily taxed country in the world. So long as this remains the case, so long will Danish prospenty (not to mention individual liberty) be less than it otherwise would be.

ers may be oppressed by burdensome taxation they are at least given the opportunity to have a direct say on the much bigger question of Euro-pean union. That Danish voters are in

some way inherently more capable than their British counterparts of exercising their democratic rights in this respect is by no means self-evident. Mr Major and his government would be wise to indicate that they now begin to understand this Yours faithfully. COLIN SMITH, 34 Greycoat Gardens.

Greycoat Street, SW1.

### Brand quality at a discount

From the Managing Director and Chief Executive of Kwik

Sir, In an article (June 3) on a new High Street grocery format the Chairman of Tesco, Sir Ian MacLaurin, is quoted at length, describing the products sold by discounters as being of low quality, and as merchandise which Tesco would not sell.

Whilst we cannot argue as far as the new overseas discounters are concerned, we take strong issue with the implications regarding Kwik

We are the undisputed leader of the UK discount grocery market, with approaching 800 stores - ten times the aggregate number of stores of the other discounters. The majority of the brands

we offer are identical to those found in Tesco, and we are therefore surprised that Sir ian should suggest Tesco would not stock the same products as Kwik Save. Does this signal Sir Ian's intention to remove such brand names

as Heinz, Kelloggs, Nescafe, Cadbury, Persil, Andrex, Pampers, Coca Cola, Weetabix etc from Tesco's shelves?

Fortunately, Britain's shop-

pers do not suffer the same misconceptions as Sir lan. They are aware that Kwik Save's no-nonsense approach means that we do not impose the high profit margins which Tesco and many other food retailers operate, and which may shortly be the subject of an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading (an investigawhich we would

Perhaps what Sir Ian meant to say was: "Tesco sells the same branded products as Kwik Save, but not at the same low prices". That, we feel, would be closer to reality. Yours faithfully. GRAHAME SEABROOK,

Managing Director and Chief Executive. Kwik Save Group PLC. Warren Drive,

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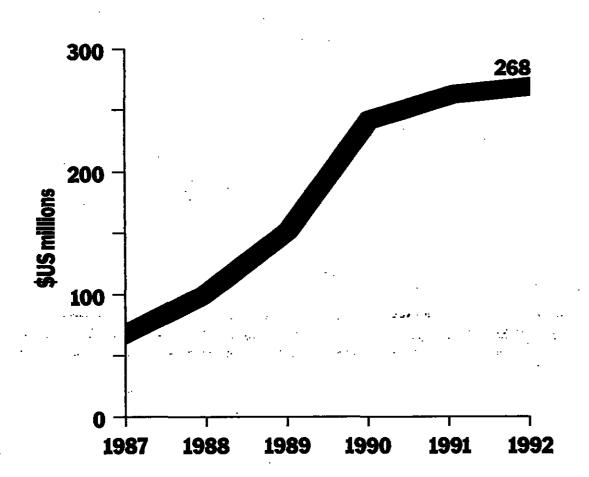
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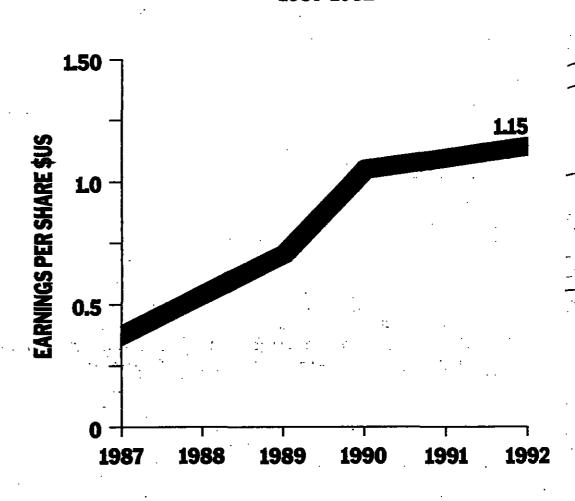


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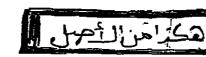
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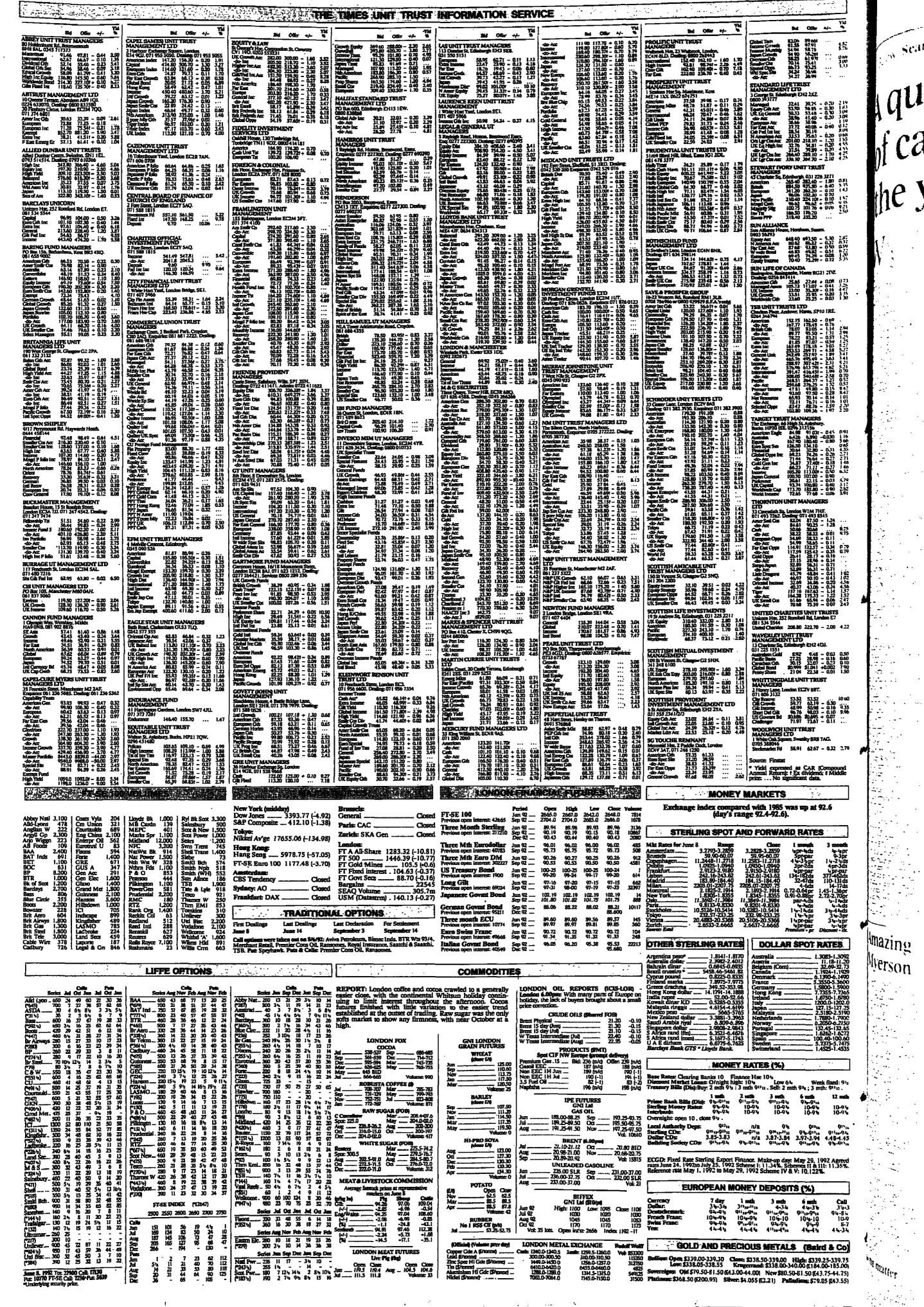
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# LAW TIMES

Below, Sean Webster examines whether the Children Act is working, and right, a lay justice looks at some problems in its administration

# A question of care for the young

Then the Children Act 1989 was introduced last October it represented the biggest change in family law for more than a century and was welcomed by the profession. It followed the guidance by the then Mrs Jus-tice Bufler-Sloss on the Cleveland cases where she stressed that children's and families' rights should as far as possible be given equal weight within the overriding rights of the protection of the child.

The thinking behind her comment that "the child is a person and not an object of concern" became central to the Act. But recently revealed fig-ures are now leading practitioners to question whether local authorities and the courts are using the Act effectively.

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The figures were given by John Taylor, the Lord Chancellor's Department's parliamentary secretary, in answer to a parliamentary question from David Hinchcliffe, the Labour MP for Wakefield, who was on the original committee formulating the legislation. They show that the number of emergency protection orders taken out under the Act is only half the number of the equivalent orders, the place of safety orders, taken out under the old law.

The new Act introduced emergency protection orders, which can be used by local authorities to take a child thought to be at risk of being harmed into care for up to eight days. It replaced the place of safety order, which performed a similar function under the old law.

n the first six months after the Act was intro-duced, only 800 emergency protection orders (EPOs) were made in the courts of England and Wales, compared with more than 1,900 place of safety orders in a six-month period between January I and June 30, 1991. This, some lawyers say, could indicate that children are being left in dangerous situations when they should have been taken into local authority care. Peggy Ray, the chair of the child committee of the Solicitors Family Law Association, says: "It is possible that the reluctance of local authorities to use emergency protec-

tion orders may have exposed some children to risk. "There is a real risk that this is happening, but, without knowing for sure why the number of EPO applications is down, it is difficult to tell."

Ms Ray believes that some social workers in some local authorities do not understand the Act and so are reluctant to use it. She says that they are intimidated by the highly de-tailed forms, which have to be completed for an EPO application to be made under the new Act.

Equally though, Mr Hinchcliffe argues that the figures may show that local authorities are being more restrained in the use of their powers than under the old law and are thinking more carefully about what they are doing. If that is the case, "it must be applaud-ed". He says: "Place of safety orders were used too zealously in the past. The damaging experience of removing a child from its home must be bal-anced against the possible risk of leaving it there."

The judiciary are watching the new figures with apprehension. At a recent conference, a High Court judge expressed concern that the number of EPOs is down compared with place of safety orders. But Peter Jones, family law specialist with John Howell & Co, a Sheffield firm, and a member of the Law Society's family law committee, believes the reduction may be good.

"It is to be welcomed if it is indicative of local authorities working in partnership with families and planning only measured interventions," he says. "Clearly, under the old system local authorities were too interventionist." The unknown point is

whether the reduced number of EPOs compared to place of safety orders results from local authorities using the Act responsibly and intervening only where there are sufficient grounds, or through fear of using the Act because they do not fully understand it. Ian Robertson, a family law expert and senior partner of Griffiths Robertson, a Reading firm, says there are signs that social workers employed by some lo-cal authorities have not re-ceived enough training to use the Act effectively. "Social workers have to do me that in some London boroughs the training is inadequate and that they are actually alraid to

use the Act." Mr Robertson claims many London boroughs have small legal teams that are less specialist than those outside London and have poor communications with their social workers. Mr Robertson also believes some local authorities are not intervening sufficiently. "There is a risk they are not using the Act as it should be used: to protect children from ill treatment," he says. "Some areas are using it as a

way to be nice to parents." Some practitioners feel that the introduction of the Act has failed to speed up court proceedings, which was one of its main aims, and in some instances may have caused delays. They blame some courts for not accepting the Act's requirement for cases to be heard as quickly as possible.



Fewer protection orders for children: a committee is due to try to discover why

mother and her three children had to wait for six weeks for a preliminary hearing to deal with an application by the mother, who was getting divorced, for a residence order for her children to live with

David Burrows, a family practitioner from Bristol, says this kind of delay is hard for children to bear. "Delay causes distress to the children involved because it needlessly prolongs the uncertainty," he explains. Other solicitors say there are signs the Act is reducing the time it takes for cases to be processed by the

wever, it is not only court procedures under the Act and the role played by local authorities that have been criticised. Some solicitors consider that magistrates and some judges do not understand the Act sufficiently to use it. Some claim that magistrates are guilty of holding on to complex family cases, which should be transferred to the county court under the Transfer and Allocation of

Proceedings Order 1991. Ian Young, partner in Birmingham firm Young & Lee, says the reluctance of Birmingham magistrates to transfer these cases causes delays. "Local barristers have hardly touched public law children cases in the High and county courts so far," he adds. "Under the new Act, these cases are far more complicated for magistrates than they were under the old law and they are In a recent case in Bristol, a taking hours to make findings

of fact and give reasons for involved are communicating their decisions, whereas a dismore under the new system. trict judge would take only a "Everything is more open," he fraction of the time."

The low number of emer-

gency protection orders and

the reluctance of some magis-

trates to transfer cases are two

of the issues being examined

by the Children Act advisory

committee, chaired by Mrs

Justice Booth. The committee

will report its findings to

ministers in November. Until

then, there is only anecdotal

evidence to suggest that the Children Act, designed to help

children, may in practice not be helping all it could.

The author writes for Solicitors

The problem seems to be that magistrates, who had responsibility for complex child cases before the Act was introduced, feel able to cope even with these more complex cases under the Act. In a recent case dealt with by Ms Ray, magistrates refused an application for a case to be transferred to a higher court even though both parties in the case were in favour of the move and the case involved a complex point

Even High Court judges have been criticised for a lack of knowledge of the Act. Mr Robertson says: "There is a worrying doubt about the training High Court judges receive on the Act. I don't have the confidence that judges making decisions know what

In one case Mr Robertson dealt with, the judge actually admitted to one of his colleagues: "We don't know much about the Children Act." The Lord Chancellor's De-

partment made efforts before the Act was introduced to give guidance to the judiciary on the Act, and held one-day seminars around the country. attended by 1,500 judges, magistrates and justices' clerks. However, like all training courses for judges, attendance was not compulsory.

Despite the difficulties encountered by practitioners, most agree that the new system is proving to be a great improvement on the old law. Mr Robertson says the parties

### Does the Act pass the benchmark test?

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**DAVIES** 

MORE THAN six months have passed since the Children Act 1989 came into force, of which three months were spent clearing up a backlog of cases. To say that the Family Proceedings Court is a nightmare would be an exaggeration. To admit, however, that it has generated more training, more work and more anxiety among that voluntary band of by people called justices would be band of lay people called justices would be accurate. The difficulties associated with giving reasons for decisions have led to longer days on the bench. Before the Act. a day lasting beyond 4.30pm was rare. In the past three months we have seldom left the court before 5pm and on one occasion we rose at 8pm. Yet ours is a borough court dealing only with interim orders so far as public law is concerned. Some are turning into full-blown cases with all the evidence and cross-examination associated with a

Even in an ideal situation the time spent writing out facts, conclusions.

decisions and reasons is considerable. Some justices have taken half an hour to hear a case and an hour and a half working out what to say. Reserving our decision for another day is done with extreme difficulty. Technically, we can adjourn a case in order to find sufficient time and energy to formulate and write our reasons properly.

Try doing that when an

interim order expires that day and a new one is opened. Try suggesting such a course of action to a large group in-volved in a case. Try convening them again for the next day - or re-assembling the same bench in anything less than a week.

Yet one can hardly complain at the numbers because the very fact that all these people can come before a court is exactly what the Act intended in order to look at the complexity of family life and find the right place for the child concerned. The Act recognises the important place of different people in a child's life. There is the father who has not seen his child and can now apply for a contact order. There is the grandmother who can look after a child with the agreement of the mother. Yet she may want a residence order, not only to safeguard the child's placement but also to

acquire parental responsibility.
Under the old legislation, 75 per cent of cases were public and 25 per cent private. In the first three months, that position was reversed. Since January, however, public applications have been rising, no doubt because local authorities are coming to grips with the new situation.

We are all having to do that and nobody is under any illusions about the difficulties. There was a general if publicly unstated belief that lay justices might not be up to the practice of operating like judges. Many, however, have welcomed the opportunity.

Justices have always tried, through train-

ing and experience, to do a professional job, but as one magistrate put it, "Strictly speaking, we are no longer lay people. The Act is so complex that without fairly detailed knowledge one could not be reasonably certain of controlling a court."

On our current once a week sittings, the burden is considerable, despite a great deal of help and advice from the different clerks who have to work with us. Sitting on consecutive days is one answer but this is difficult enough with the present crop of lay justices. Where the new ones will come from to do such a time-consuming job, only heaven or the Lord Chancellor's office

knows. We were given an eight-point plan to help us in formulating reasons. Stating the decision of the court was point number seven.

Those of us trained under the old system prefer to give it first and then return to the facts, the law and the reasons. Yet our clerk to the justices believes that it is better for us to acquire the new skill of stating the facts, agreed and unagreed, the evidence preferred and why, and then to give the decision. This helps all the parties to understand the reasons for the decision and enables them to accept the order.

The problem arises, not merely with the decision and formulation of reasons but

with the physical business of writing everything down for every case. Everything from the note of a formal application to the setting-out of reasons has to be written in longhand, agreed with the clerk and read

What people are calling the learning curve goes on for all of us. But time might be saved by having a printed pro forma containing all the necessary legal preambles to the judgment and reasons. Such a system was recommended by Mr Justice Douglas Brown in February when he allowed an appeal from the justices on the ground that

the bench's reasons were inadequate.

He suggested that justices avail them-selves of a particular handbook and adopt its pro forma. Some sort of pro forma makes sense to me but what kind we should adopt is another matter.

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### **Amazing** Myerson

THE Law Society, worried though it is about the rising level of fraud among law firms, should give thanks that it does not have a lawyer like

Harvey Myerson.
A big-talking New Yorker, Mr Myerson won brief fame in London as the first American to tout the idea of a transatlantic association during the 1980s boom. He since became the managing partner of two US firms, both of which went bankrupt, leaving debts of more than \$80 million (about £44 million). He is now on \$250,000 bail after being found guilty of defrauding dients of \$2.5 million.

Mr Myerson was acquitted of defrauding Myerson & Khun, his last firm, of \$1 million, which he is alleged to have used to buy presents for

His partners were said to have turned a blind eye to his activities during the good times and could hardly complain later, once everything had gone wrong. He was spotted in the the court corridor, debating his guilt with the jury that had just convicted him.

### Taxing matter

IS 94-year-old Tudor John. who lives in the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, going to set a record? Mr John was last

London magistrates to 14 days' fail, suspended for 28 days on condition that he pay his £353.25 poll tax bill. Mr Tudor is as adamant that he cannot pay the bill as Hammersmith and Fulham is adamant that it is not permitted by law to write off the debt. Let the courts decide Mr Tudor's fate, the council says.

Squat costs

THE Confederation of British Industry wants squatting in commercial buildings to be made a criminal offence, as in Scotland. At present the only remedy against unlawful occupation is action in the civil

adviser, says squatting in shops, factories and even company car parks is costing British business thousands of



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John Pollard, a CBI policy



pounds a year. To evict squatters, owners must bring a civil action against them and must also stump up the costs of repairing any damage and removing rubbish.

"On top of that, the business's insurance premiums go up," Mr Pollard says. Euro-push

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formation.

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and deals are being done.

Admittedly, the increased demand, which is appearing in all parts of the country, in industry and in private practice, is still faint. It may simply reflect a psychological reaction to the result of the general election. But there are signs both here and in the USA that it could be

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# The limit to the summit

Suzanne Clabon and John Faulks say the debate must be about what is practicable, not saving the planet

ntense media coverage in Rio, now full of diplomats. politicians and environmentalists attending the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). or Earth summit, sometimes obscures the main issues.

The picture is further confused by the demands and declarations of intention that the summit will generate, varying in sincerity and worth, from countless sources in-cluding the International Chamber of Commerce and the dispossessed Kayapo Indians.

Centre stage, however, certain key developments, endorsed by the heads of state, are expected: international treaties on climate change and biodiversity: the Rio Declaration, a broad statement of principles, originally intended as an Earth charter, and Agenda 21, hundreds of pages of policy, in heavily negotiated language, covering environment and development issues intended to set the tone for the next century. The scale of Agenda 21 is evident from its estimated implementation cost. The most recent figure put on it is \$125 billion (£70 billion) a year.

This cost assumes agreement on issues at the moment subject to many disagreements, particularly between developed and developing nations. This appears to have caused a total change in the organisers' approach.

At one time, Maurice Strong, the secretary-general of UNCED, described the summit as the "last chance to save the planet". Signifi-cantly, as the complexity of the issues has emerged and the ferocity of the disagreement between rich and poor has been fuelled, not quenched, Mr Strong has spoken of a "new blooming of a commit-ment to work towards sustainable development practices at the local, national and international levels". This means a first step rather than

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an instant solution. Not surprisingly, this view has been adopted by a number of politicians. Note the recent comments of Michael Howard, the



Problem-solvers? Maurice Strong, left, opens the summit conference, with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, on his right

environment secretary, and David Madean, the environment minister, to the effect that the summit must be seen as the beginning, not the grand finale.

The real significance of the summit lies in Mr Strong's phrase

This must be seen as the beginning, rather than the grand finale

"sustainable development", which was introduced by the landmark report of the World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987. Since then, the phrase has proved as difficult to define as it was easy to coin.

the long-term improvement of hu-man society through practices that do not compromise future generations by destroying the planet or the resource base. The summit should be the broadest political recognition of sustain-

development might be described as

able development to date, and it is no coincidence that the European Community's forthcoming environmental action programme, the fifth such manifesto since 1972, is entitled "Towards Sustainable Development". Furthermore, in environmental

control, there are previous exam-ples of how today's apparently vague expressions of policy map out tomorrow's obligatory regimes. One example is the Vienna Convention on Protection of the Ozone Laver, which led to the Montreal Protocol, and the phase-out and ban on chlorofluorocarbons. Agen-At its most basic, sustainable da 21, in particular, must be seen

in this light. Sustainable development is the goal, then, that must be translated into specific individual measures, perhaps a long time from now — for example, as an energy tax, as reforms of international trade law while the General

Nobody can sit back and watch . . . there are no spectators for this show

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) goes green.

The practice may add a premium to the exploitation of technology derived from biological resources in recognition of ownership of the original natural resource. Nor can anybody afford to sit back and

watch how the concept takes on a concrete shape. There are no spectators for this show. Stephan Schmidheiny, the chairman of the Business Council for Sustainable Development, sees industry and the private sector playing a vital part in the sustainable develop-Sustainable development, then,

is the relevance of the summit, the increasingly rapid shift towards a regulatory regime for business and individuals that will discourage destructive practices and reward those who take responsibility for their actions.

At this stage advisers and clients must participate with as open an attitude as possible to the solution to global destruction, watching that solution as it grows, and contributing where possible.

The authors are lawyers in the Environmental Group of the solicitors firm Clifford Chance.

# Regulation under a single body

Six years on, the regime that regulates investment business needs to be tidied up

The Financial Services Act 1986 entered the statute book about six years ago and it is four years since it became an offence to carry on unauthorised investment business. Sir David Walker, the second chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), has just retired, so it seems an opportune moment to take stock of the regulatory system inherited by his successor, Andrew Large

Criticising in retrospect is easy. Regulators have often had their hands full with day-to-day regulation. However, notwithstanding recent proposals to merge at least two of the four self-regulating organisations to form a body to regulate the retail market, there remain too many regulators, leaving scope for uncertainty about responsibilities and inconsistencies of approach. This was recognised by Sir David on leaving office last week. The transfer of regulatory responsibilities from the trade and industry department to the Treasury seems likely to aggravate the

The definition of investment business remains wide, continuing to catch commercial arrangements involving experienced business counterparties. Many consider these should not be subject to regulation aimed largely at protect-

ing private investors.

Much work has been done by the S1B in directing the re-casting of rule books but although this initiative has been welcomed it is not yet complete. Accordingly, it is not yet possible to judge whether its overall effect will be desirable, that is, simplification, without any reduction in investor protection.

Perhaps time would have been better spent in considering legislative and structural change to reduce the scope and enhance the effectiveness of the Act. Its main purpose was to protect investors. However, many commercial arrangements give rise to investment business without causing concern for the protection of investors. There is much to be said for reducing the scope of investment business so that it can arise only where investment businesses are providing services to customers, particularly members of the public. Such a reduction in scope would also concentrate regulatory minds on effective monitor-

ing of what remained. A single regulatory body with

sufficient resources and expertise to protect such investors also seems to be needed. To date, the UK has steered clear of such a centralised body. The City opposed the idea. However, although self-regulation by distinct sectors of the industry has much to offer in theory, there have always been doubts whether it was workable.

The acceptance by the SIB, in general terms, of proposals for a retail self-regulating organisation indicates that there is a feeling that significant economies and enhanced effectiveness can be achieved by bringing together in one regulator all the experience, skill and creativity of a number of existing regulators.

ver the years, there has been significant City criticism of the regulatory structure set up and implemented under the Act, yet the City seemed no fonder of the idea of a centralised regulator.

Should the City be allowed to have its cake and eat it? Maxwell pensioners would surely agree that now is the time to consider creating a centralised regulatory body along the lines of the American Securities and Exchange Commission. There is no reason why such a body should be any less independent of government interference than the existing regulators and it may well achieve greater effect through its centralised role. There would also be greater concentration of direction and approach - on policy issues, the application, monitoring and enforcement of rules, and the prosecution of offenders — than there seems at present.

Fear of the existing regulations does not seem to have driven invesment business away from the UK. The structure does, however. appear confused and may thus be unattractive to potential overseas

With 1992 almost half over and the economy showing few signs of recovery, that can hardly be desirable. A centralisation of regulatory roles, perhaps under the auspices of Mr Large and his colleagues, might well improve the position.

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# Employer of contract driver is user of his vehicle

Hallett Silberman Ltd v **Cheshire County Council** Before Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Laws [Judgment May 22]

A road haulage company could properly be regarded as the "user" of an unlawful abnormal indivisible load even though the vehicle was being driven by a self-em-

ployed driver.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved udgment in dismissing an appeal brought by way of case stated by the defendant, Hallett Silberman Ltd. against its conviction on January 10. 1991 by Chester Justices of using on the road a heavy motor car drawing a wheeled trailer, when the weight of the wehicle and the trailer in combination exceeded the maximum permitted laden weight contrary to section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Mr Robin Spencer for the defendant, Mr Michael Chambers for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the defendant was a supplier of road haulage services operating from depots in several large towns. As part of its business it supplied transport for abnormal, indivisible loads and it owned and operated large trailers which, when attached to a drawing ve-hicle, made up a composite vehicle etween 60ft and 74ft in length. Motor vehicles and trailers of that size did not comply with the requirements of The Road Ve-hicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (SI 1986 No 1078) made by the secretary of state

under section 41 of the 1988 Act but their use could be authorised by the secretary of state by orders made under section 44 of the Act.

The authorisation of vehicles for carrying or drawing abnormal, indivisible loads was contained in the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (SI 1979 No 1198). The use of heavy motor cars and trailers for that purpose was only authorised subject to certain conditions being complied with, the use of such vehicles on the road was not

Under article 26 of the 1979 Regulations, the user of such a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, was required to give the highway authority an indemnity in a specified form and to give notice of the particulars of the vehicle and its route before it was used. "User" in that article had to mean the person

The defendant, in the course of its business gave Cheshire County Council, as highway authority, an indemnity under article 26 covering movement of nominated vehides between January 1, 1990 the vehicles specified was a vehicle registration GHS 841X.

On February 19, 1990, the defendant sent a movement notification in respect of a load to be moved on February 22 on a trailer drawn by vehicle registration B953 AGJ having six axies, an overall length of 60ft and a total weight of 52 tons. The proposed route took the vehicle on the A41 road at Backford, near Chester. There, on February 22 the stopped a large vehicle registration GHS 841X which, with its trailer, had eight axles and was over 76ft long. Its laden weight was 69,520kg, which exceeded the

maximum permitted laden weight by 32,520kg. The vehicle was in the charge of its driver, Mr D. J. Keeling. The heavy motor car which made up the drawing unit carried the defendant's name in large letters as did the trailer. The vehicle was loaded with a large piece of engineering plant. The movement notification did not fulfil the required conditions for the use of

By letter of May 22, the council asked the defendant to verify whether it was the user of the vehicle on that date, to give its full name and address and to give full details of any contract of hire for the vehicle and the driver.

The defendant replied: "... we were the users of the vehicle in that, although the tractor unit is owned and operated under his O licence, the driver was working under our direction pulling our trailer on a rouse notified by us. The driver has a two-year contract with us in that he works only for us pulling our trailers on our work."

On receiving that reply, the council laid an information against the defendant. The justices

found the case proved and con-victed the defendant. The question was whether the defendant "used" the combination of vehicles specified within the meaning of section 42(1)(b) of the 1988 Act.

On the facts it was difficult to imagine how the justices giving the word "use" its ordinary English meaning could have found that the defendant was not using the combination of vehicles. Neverthevehicle: see, for example, sections less, the word "use" in the context of road traffic act offences had 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the 1988 Act. acquired an attenuated meaning where it appeared in conjunction

with the words "cause or permit As decisions on particular facts had been given, it had been held that only a driver or his employer, if the driver was acting on his employer's business, could be said to be using a vehicle on a road as

In English law a servant's use of his master's property in the course of his employment had always been regarded as use by the master, provided that such use was within the scope of the servant's

No doubt by separately proscrib-ing particular acts which amounted to causing or permitting the use of a vehicle, Parliament imposed some limits on the per-sons whose activities were to be regarded as amounting to use of the vehicle but, as in the case of an employer, a person could at the same time be a person who used and a person who caused or permitted another to use.

Nor did it follow that two persons might not in relation to a particular use both be persons who used. Causing or permitting another to use the vehicle on the road could be given adequate scope in defining secondary or accessory liability without unduly

dinary English word "use". The 1988 Act and the regulations made under it, made it clear that In his Lordship's judgment in driving or being in charge of the

To determine the nature of an offence of using a vehicle in breach of regulations it was not only necessary to consider the words and import of the regulations which made the user unlawful but it was also permissible to have regard to the fact that they were more likely to be aimed at visiting primary responsibility on the peron who was in a position to exert influence and control in prevent-ing the threat to public safety which it was the purpose of the legislature to deter.

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979 contemplated that a notice and indemnity should be given by the person who used the vehicle or combination of

The defendant contended that although article 26 of the 1979 Regulations referred to a case in which the person who used the combination of vehicles was to give the appropriate indemnity and notice to the authority for any road on which the combination of vehicles was to be used, that person was not to be regarded as the person using the vehicle on the road under section 42(1)(b) of the 1988 Act when the combin was purporting to use the road in compliance with the notice and conditions on which its use was authorised.

tended that the self-employed driver of the drawing unit should be regarded as the sole user of the combination of vehicles.

some regulations the words "a person who uses a motor vehicle" were intended to cover a person whose vehicle was being used for his purposes and on his behalf. under his instruction and control. and that from the many complex factors which a court should take into account in deciding whether a person was using the vehicle on the road, it was too restrictive to isolate the terms of the particular contract under which the driver happened to be engaged to perfrom the duty of driving, as determining the

In the present case, the driver, though self-employed and aithough self-employed and providing the towing unit as part of the combination of vehicles, was not responsible for selecting the route, deciding the load, loading the railer, deciding which trailer should be used, giving the indemnity or the notice of movement.

His use on the road of his own vehicle was authorised by the secretary of state provided conditions were complied with, It became unlawful only when used in combination with the trailer when the maximum train weight was exceeded and the requirements of article 26 had not been

For those two failures the defendant was responsible. Mr Justice Laws agreed.

Solicitors: Aaron & Partners, Chester: Mr Colin Cheesman,

# Sufficient reason for extension

Ex parte Neaves

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice French [Judgment June 3] The protection of a member of the public from violence was capable

of being a good and sufficient cause for exending the custody time limit of a defendant awaiting The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application by Stanley Thomas

Neaves, who was in custody awaiting trial on a charge of rape, for an order of certiorari to quash the decison of Judge Rodwell, QC, at Luton Crown Court to allow the prosecution's application for an extension of the custody time limit under section 22(3)(a) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985. Section 22 of the 1985 Act

provides: "(3) The appropriate court may, at any time before the expiry of a time limit imposed by the regulations, extend, or further extend, that limit if it is satisfied -(a) that there is good and sufficient cause for doing so; and (b) that the prosecution has acted with all due

Mr Geoffrey Birch for the ap-plicant, Miss Alison Barker for the

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the judge had extended the custody time limit because the lainant had been in considerable danger of serious bodily

Regina v Luton Crown Court. harm and the judge had regarded that as a good and sufficient cause for extending the time limit.

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Section 22 of the 1985 Act had come before the Divisional Court on a number of occasions but the court had refrained from defining

His Lordship also resisted the temptation to be definitive. However, the language of good and sufficient cause was unconstrained, not constrained as to cases which were of a particula

what was "good and sufficient

The issue was whether the protection of a member of the public from the infliction of violence was capable in law of being a good and sufficient cause for extending a custody time limit. His Lordship could see nothing

in the language of section 22 which compelled him to conclude that it was not so capable and it would have offended common sense if it was not.

His Lordship accepted that if the prosecuting authorities did not act with all due diligence then an extension had to be refused notwithstanding the danger to the public, because section 22(3)(b) would not have been satisfied However, the consideration relied upon by the judge here was one capable of being good and

Mr Justice French agreed. Solicitors: Hilliers, Baldock; CPS, St Albans.

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Single-minded American is beginning to show surprising delicacy of touch

# Courier must open up off court

As the dust settles on the French Open

in Paris, Andrew Longmore detects signs of greatness in Jim Courier

t is time for the annual quickstep once again. The moment in the year when the tempo and the colours change and the grass courters get their own back for hours of heartache on the red dust. The best of them - or those who departed a day or two early from the French Open — are at Queen's Club for the Stella Artois this week.

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The French Open champion, Jim Courier, however, will adopt the Bjorn Borg approach to grass. Retire for a few days, rest, practise and emerge in time for the first round of Wimbledon. Without any prior match-play.

Borg was always vulnerable

in the first week. Courier, who is beginning to resemble the Swede in his approach to the game and his domination of the French Open, will be so too. He intends to go home to Palm Springs for ten days prior to Wimbledon.

After the successful defence of his title in Paris, the American is on the road to becoming a great champion. In an age of unprecedented

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in the men's game, he has reached four out of the last five grand slam three titles. The Wimbledon last year when he was beaten by Michael Stich

in the quarterfinal. Only an inspired Stefan Edberg stopped the American from winning the US Open final as well and setting up an even more impressive

Yet, despite his overwhelming superiority over the past fortnight, the world No. I has a long way to go before he can be mentioned in the same breath as some of the names he looked at so proudly on the French Open trophy.

First, he has not shown that his muscular game can be adapted to the more demanding surface of grass, though: that might well change inside the next month; second, he has not grasped the notion volves more than just winning

At present, Courier is in the nunnel which enveloped Borg. John McEnroe, Jimmy Con-

nors and Ivan Lendl at roughly the same stage in their careers. Popularity is an irrelevance. Nothing matters to him other than being the best in his profession and that single-mindedness, the prerogative of youth, frightens the life out of many of his elders.

Despite having an unfortu-nate ability to make the most breathtaking stroke seem mundane, Courier is a gifted player in the way that Lendl is a gifted player.

Courier has a gift for working and hitting hard, for being consistent and strong and, though he does not possess the instinctive hand speed of a McEnroe, he is delicacy of touch as well.

He toyed with Andre Agassi in the semi-final here. executing a variety of drop shots and passes, which would have been hailed ecstatically had they flowed from the racket of his more flamboyant opponent. But if Agassi has yet to learn that, in the words of one of his advertisements, image is not everything.

> to learn that image does mean something. It means, for example, answering a few simple questions in his postmatch press conferences with a modi-

Courier has still

cum of thought and courtesy. It means under-standing that, whether he likes it or not, fortune in sport does not come without fame and it means, above all, appreciating that the No. 1 player in the world has to accept a role as a spokesman for his sport, even at the tender age of 21.

There is a tendency to regard Courier as no more than a clean-cut hometown boy from Florida who should have stuck to baseball, his first sporting love. But Cou-rier is nobody's fool and he lacks neither humour nor sensitivity.

His efforts to address the crowd in French after his victory over Petr Korda on Sunday probably cost him more sweat than winning the tournament itself, but they were thoroughly appreciated. Yet he lets himself down



badly in his contact with the press, all too often appearing diffident and flippant when

he has so much more to offer. Courier will have time to grow into the role because it looks as if he will be the world No. 1 for a few months yet. Like Monica Seles, his bigany surface."

seedings committee follow the rankings and seed him No. 1 or put him below Stefan Edberg and Boris

It would perhaps be fairer to Courier himself to do the latter. Either way, Wimblegest challenge will come at don needs Courier, the best of Wimbledon, but, in his the baseliners, to balance the present mood, he feels he can serve-and-volley merchants beat "anyone, anywhere on just as the game needs its new champion to show a more It will be interesting to see acceptable face.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

### **Crooks to fore in** reserve team's committed effort

Great Britain ....

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

IN WOLLONGONG

GREAT Britain's win yesterday was all the more commendable because it was achieved by the second string. and gives a timely boost to the party's morale before the first international, in Sydney on

Great Britain set the platform for the win with two first-half tries, both involving Graeme Hallas, the Hull threequarter. He produced a 70-yard touchline run, beating four defenders, for the first, and was instrumental in the second, again with a long

run before his inside pass to Shaun Edwards. With a goal after the second try from John Devereux, and a dropped goal by Kevin Ellis nine minutes into the second half, Britain's point-scoring was complete.

Before the interval, a barrage of attacks from Illawarra was rounded off at the end of a sequence of 15 tackles by a try for their centre, Ryan Girdler.

The intensity of their approaches was matched by steadfastness in the British defence. The line was breached only once more, after the British had been committed to 24 tackles, when Aaron Whitaker, the New Zealander, found the gap. Girdler's goal reduced

the margin to one point, and the home side resumed the war of attrition.

It is greatly to Britain's credit that they held out. Lee Crooks's tackle count was 41. and Lee Jackson's one fewer. Those figures are a measure of the British commitment.

Crooks may well have layed himself into the side for Friday's international. and Edwards and Steve Hampson may also have made a cogent case for themselves. The side will be an-nounced later today, and the only selections that seem giltedged are those of Martin Offiah, on the wing, Garry Schofield, somewhere on the field, and Kelvin Skerrett and Dennis Betts in the pack. Observation of the side that

played in Canberra on Satur-day still suggests that it will provide the majority of Friday's team, but the commitment and passion that were on display in Wollongong must have presented Mal-colm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, with a series of options that he must have despaired. after the first four matches of this tour - all won but none satisfactorily — of enjoying.

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SCORERS: Emwarris: Tries: Garder. Whitsler. Goal: Gircler. Greet Britain: Tries: Hallas, Edwards. Goal: Devereux. Dropped goal: Ells. BLAWARRA: B Docherty: B O'Meera, R Girder, P McGregor, J Britien; A Whitsler. M Net; S Waddell, D Schrifflin, C Teltzel, J Cross, D Gallegher. I Russel. GREAT SRITAIN: S Hampson (Wigan); J Devereux (Widnes), G Connolly (St Heiers), D Powel (Sheffled Eagles), G Hallas, (Hull Kingston Rovers); K Ells (Warrington), S Edwards (Wigan); I Lucas (Wigan), L Jackson (Hull), L Crooks (Castlehord), K Fairbank (Eaclord Northern), L Heillidey (Wignes), B McGalty (Wigen).

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### **British improve after** German withdrawal

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN BREDA

CLAUS Erhorn, who was put on the German shortlist for the Barcelona Olympic Games, after their national championships last month, subject to Clanger satisfactorily completing a three-day event, achieved this comfortably at Breda yesterday.

His effort did not materially assist the German team, as Peter Muller's Asam was withdrawn before the final horse inspection. This helped the first British team to obtain second place behind the French with the Dutch third.

mance came from Charlotte Hollingsworth, who, although slow with Madame Butterfly on the cross-country course, returned a clear show jumping round to finish ninth. Alice Clapham followed the tradition set by older sister, Diana, to end two places lower on Another

RESULTS: Individuals: 1, Clanger (C Erhom, Ger), 50.6pts; 2, Pirendello (D Strube, Fr), 56.4; 3, Rosendeel (F de Rombley, Fr), 59.8. British placings: 9, horse inspection. This helped the first British team to obtain second place behind the French with the Dutch third. The best British perforBASEBALL

# No place home for Bonilla

By Robert Kirley

BOBBY Bonilla returned to Pittsburgh for the first time since changing clubs in the close season. For four weekend games, it was no place like home: every time he batted, his former supporters spewed more venom than that cranky laundry crowd on Prisoner: Cell Block H.

Bonilla, who rejected a four-year. \$18 million offer to stay with the Pirates, joined the hated New York Mets for \$29 million over five years.

He took the unusual but prudent precaution of wearing a batting helmet in right field after a golf ball whistled from on high and struck one of his legs in the first game.

After managing just one hit in nine at-bats in two defeats, Bonilla got four hits, including a home run, in a 15-1 victory on Saturday. The Pirates, leaders in the National League East, took three of the four games by winning 3-0 on Sunday behind the pitching of Randy Tomlin.

The Atlanta Braves have perked up by taking eight of their last nine and six in a row on the road, including a 9-4 win over the San Diego Padres on Sunday. Tom Glavine, of the Braves, won his ninth game in a 5-1 victory over the Padres on Saturday Roger Clemens, of the **Boston** Red Sox, is the only other nine-game winner after his 5l decision over the Cleveland Indians. Clemens leads the major leagues with a 1.56 earned-run average.

The Baltimore Orioles. thriving in a new stadium, drew 45,803 on Friday for a 2-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays, enabling the Orioles to exceed 1 million customers in 24 home games. Only Toronto (1991 and 1992) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (1981) reached the milestone faster. On Sunday, Cal Ripken, of Baltimore, extended his hitting streak to 16 games with three hits in a 7-1 win over the Jays.

Get your hot dogs sizzling and chill a transatiantic beverage or two: Channel 4 will televise the Montreal Expos-Chicago Cubs game live from Wrigley Field in the Windy City at lam on Sunday. Mick Luckhurst, of Channel 4, and jor league player, will present the game, which will last about three hours.

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es, Nick Faldo insisted, playing golf on a park-land course in Ireland really was a fine preparation for taking on a links lay-out in the US Open. He said it before the Carrolls Irish Open started in Killarney last week. If he had been asked the same question halfway through the final round on Sunday, his answer just might have been somewhat different.

Faldo seemed to have justified his confident pre-tournament assertion by the time he stepped on to the first tee on Sunday morning. He had put together three immaculate rounds on the monster Killeen course, and all he had to

holes later he had twitched and jittered his increasingly nervous way to the turn in 40 embarrassing strokes, his four-stroke lead gone, his earlier form forgotten. It was a very different Faldo who looked out then on a small phase of his life that had suddenly turned hostile after treating him with nothing but kindness for three days.

The record books will show that Faldo went on to win the tournament after a four-hole play-off with Wayne Westner, a man with a rather humbler curriculum vitae in the game than his own. A man whose best season in Europe in the middle to late 1980s had vielded him no more than

Nick Faldo's trials and tribulations

before winning in Ireland will stand

To be brutally frank, if

justice meant anything, he would not have got it. He did,

from eight feet, but even he was forced to admit after it

was all over. "I was lucky — very lucky." He will never

Rounds of 66, 65 and 68

meant that he led by four

strokes as the tournament

entered its final day. It was

speak truer words.

him in good stead as he heads for

the United States, Mel Webb suggests

about £25,000, against a against the unheralded and multi-millionaire who just unfancied South African, happened to be one of the world's best players. The journeyman against the maestro. the upright joanna against

the concert grand. The fact was that for all his magnificent form of the first three days, Faldo, a 2-1 on shot from even the most benevolent of local bookies, still needed a birdie on the 72nd hole of the tournament to put himself into a play-off dominating stuff on a course that yields birdies with a miser's grasp. And then came succession of near-misses for the four-times winner of mathat grisly outward nine.

He bogeyed two holes, he double bogeyed two others. It was not pleasant to watch a great player in the grips of something he seemed powerless to control. speaks volumes for

Faldo's grit and single-mind-ed determination that he pulled himself up and, at last. began to play the course again instead of the ogres that had ground away at his confi-dence. A long stream of pars suggested that he was winning the bande. Win it he did. but not until he had been given the fright of his life. Victory came at the end of a

finished fifth, tied third, second, eighth and fourth in his last five appearances in Europe this season. Fine form, but after a year since his last victory - in this tournament, on this course - what he wanted was a win to set him up for Pebble Beach and a tilt at the US Open. a championship in which he has at least twice gone tortu-

ously close to winning. Well, he got it, and can leave the country for California - he flies out on Thursday with hopes and morale lifted, having won £76.274 and moved into third place in the European money list.

could also do with a bit of selective amnesia to erase from his mind the memory of nine holes of misery on a balmy afternoon at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

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# Weather will be no excuse if England fail to overwhelm

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN OAMARU

New Zealand, appear to have with them. England, who open their development tour of New Zealand against North Otago at Centennial Park here tomorrow, have had two days of steady rain which is less encouragement to constructive rugby than for feeding parched winter soil and the hydroelectric dams.

That will not do as an excuse if England fail to put their opponents to the slaughter. It is hard to find a New Zealander who does not believe that North Otago - second from bottom of the third division last season with just one victory -will not lose by at least 40 points.

Easy to say but England

remembered fondly in New

Zealand for their natural

charm but not, alas, for their

It is even a moot point

whether the tour has advanced

the Irish game by any signifi-

cant degree. Ciaran Fitzger-ald, their coach, and Noel

Murphy, the manager, are adamant that it has, if for no

other reason that the players

know now what a harsh world

annual meeting at the end of

this month, is to confirm their

coaching team. Fitzgerald and

Gerry Murphy, his assistant,

are happy to continue al-though Fitzgerald's recent

record is hardly impressive.
A coach, of course, is as

good as the players at his

disposal. Ireland's resources

are thin, though Nick

Popplewell returns home with

international rugby is. The Irish Rugby Football Union's next task, after their

rugby (David Hands writes).

sary. As Jack Rowell, their coach, pointed out yesterday after his players returned from a jet boating excursion, rugby's history is littered with teams who came a cropper in their opening fixture: "I have told the players this is their biggest game, no matter what they have achieved in the past." Rowell said. "We are abroad, conditions

are strange, ours is a scratch team and the ground is getting softer by the minute. And for North Otago, this will be their game of the season, if not of several seasons.

The size and strength of the England pack should still ensure domination of the setpiece ball from which Rowell hopes his powerful back row runners — Russell, Ojomoh and Cassell, big men all — can

Of tomorrow's team, five, at Hard lessons to be learned by Irish THE Irish tour party will be his reputation at loose-head

prop enhanced and Paul Mc-Carthy, aged 28 from Cork Constitution, will be a genuine challenger on the tight head when Ireland play Australia in Brian Robinson, the No. 8, played as well as circum-

Cunningham may have cast aside a reputation for inconsistency at centre. But Ireland are only a short way down the road to the sort of preparation that has become second nature to Australia. New Zealand and England. Fitzgerald believes that a more constructive approach and a broader perception of the game have been induced. The proof will not be

stances permitted and Vincent

October.

seen overnight. TOUR RESULTS: bi South Centerbury 21-16; lost to Carrierbury 13-36; beat Bay of Plenty 39-23; lost to Auckland 7-62; beat Poverry Bey/East Coast 22-7; lost to New Zaaland 21-24; lost to Manawahi 24-58, lost to New Zealand 8-56. Record: P8, W3, L5, Pts for 153, Pts against 287.

squeeze a draw out of

Sunbury, despite the disparity

in their league positions.

The middle-of-the-table fix-

ture between Sun Heights

Polonia and Dandenong in

the Victoria third division is

also a good score-draw pros-

pect, while it is difficult to

separate the top sides in the Victoria fifth division. Lalor

create broken fields and chances for the back division. North Otago, who pick from a mere six clubs and who, in their two games this season have conceded over 70 points to South Canterbury and 38 to Otago-Sub Unions, will be competitive but only,

theoretically, up to a point. Still Ireland, in Dunedin last month, demonstrated how much theories are worth and England, sporting their allwhite strip in the whitestone city for the first time, must take the chance to do themselves fustice. They will also want to impress the local crowd, which is optimistically being anticipated as 5,000 in a centre the population of which is a bare

least, have a genuine expectation of playing against the New Zealand XV (whose squad will be announced in eight days) and others will nourish hopes of dislodging the players who, largely un-changed, beat Spain, Ireland, France and Italy between January and March. Steele, the Northampton stand-off half, takes the unaccustomed position of full-back and Russell that of captain.

The two reserve locks, Sims and David Baldwin, were both carrying injuries yesterday, Sims after a sharp collision with Bayfield's elbow which left him dazed and Baldwin with a slight thigh muscle strain. The two players delayed by other commitments. Dawe and Hopley, both joined the tour late in the evening though Dawe will hope that he does not need to

hope that he does not need to leave the replacement bench.
NORTH OTAGO: A Lemon; R MacCol, J Taelloa, G Hescole, S Matthews; C Hore, B Stevens; P Rowland, S Curie (captain), J Wilson, S Talanoa, A Jones, C Ross, P Masson, A Matthews.
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Calm waters: but it will be tougher for Fox on the Olympic canoeing slalom course at Barcelona

# Games chance gives Fox the jitters

By Alix Ramsay

FOR the last 20 years Richard Fox MBE has devoted his waking hours to paddling his kayak around the world, steering it between the fiendish combinations of gates set by the competition judges in the mens' slalom.

Along the way he has won four individual K1 and four team world championships. three World Cups. four Europa Cups and eight British championship trophies. But in July his life's work will be condensed into four minutes - two runs of the Olympic canoe slalom course in Spain.

The slalom has not been run in the summer Games since 1972 and now, having turned 32 last week, Fox knows that Barcelona will be his only chance of an Olympic gold medal. He will not, therefore, escape without pre-race jitters. 'I always get nervous before important competitions, that's what stimulates you to per-form," he said. "It will be a THE TIMES/MINET SUPREME AWARD



race like any other yet the Olympic arena will be different. The racing will have a higher profile in a bigger arena and it's the only opporturity to compete in that

Fox will be helped on his way to Barcelona by the £5,000 Times/Minet Supreme Award which should help cover the costs of his Olympic preparation. Already this year he has spent two months in Australia and New Zealand and has made eight trips to Spain from his Nottingham home for training. Fox keeps his sport very

much in the family. His wife, Myriam Jerusalmi, is also a K I slalom paddler and, with a little juggling of the diaries, they can usually arrange to travel, train and compete together. She will be in Barcelona, representing France. We work together and give

each other moral support," he said. "It's a game of confidence, of what you did and what you are capable of. Usually if it is going well for one of us, it goes well for the other." Competing against his wife will be Fox's sister, Rachel, who is just starting her international career. Since Myriam is at the peak of hers,

Fox has no divided loyalties. As for his own prospects. Fox is confident. The 350m course in La Seu d'urgell is not particularly fast but it is tight and technical, with up to 25 gates packed closely together. The Olympic race will be the

work in Fox's life with two runs to complete and a 22 hour rest in the middle. "The time in between the races is what matters," he said. "You've done half the Olym-

pics in your first run and yet, in a way, the race hasn't even started. That time is the hardest to manage. If you worry you waste all your energy, so I try to create a sense of normality. I'm not afraid to say I want the gold and I'm confident I'm good enough to win it."

The Times/Minet Supreme

Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance brokers - to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olympic Games this year. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

qualifiers By MITCHELL PLATTS

THE Royal and Ancient has added four regional qualifying courses to the seven already announced to

accommodate an entry of 1.666 for the 121st Open Championship at Muirfield from July 16 to 19. Beau Desert, Coxmoor, Glenbervie and South Herts will join Blackwell, Lanark, North Hants, Orsett, Sher-

wood Forest, Sundridge Park and Wilmslow in hosting the regional qualifying on July 6. The entry falls only 41 short of the record of 1.707 received for the 1990 Open at St Andrews. It is up by 170 on the 1991 figure and by 259 on that of 1987, when last the Open was held at Muirfield.

A summary shows that 265 of the 1,359 participating in the regional qualifying can progress to the final qualifying to be played on four courses. Dunbar, Gullane, Luffness New and North Berwick, on July 12 and 13. Ian Baker-Finch, the defending champion, is one of 92 players exempt from qualifying, although that will rise to 93 if the player who wins the US Open on Sunday week has not already entered but decides to do so.

The Open has a record prize fund of £950,000, an increase of £50,000 from last year, and a first prize of £95,000. The 1992 Championship is the fourteenth to be played at Muirfield, where the winners since the second world war have been Henry Cotton (1948), Gary Player (1959), Jack Nicklaus (1966). Lee Trevino (1972). Tom Watson (1980) and Nick Faldo

(1987). Payne Stewart, the US Open champion, will defend the Heineken Open at Noordwijkse, Leiden, in Holland from July 23 to 26. Ian Baker-Finch, Greg Norman, Craig Parry, Bernhard Lang-José Maria Olazábal, David Feherty, Colin Mont-gomerie and Steven Richardson will also compete, and Fred Couples, the Masters from the US Tour.

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RESULTS FROM YESTER

### POOLS FORECAST by Vince Wright

### Top half of coupons hold greater promise

IN RECENT weeks, the bottom half of the coupon has provided the greater number of draws, but the trend is unlikely to continue on Saturday. The top half has considerably more appeal this week, with most of the three-pointers probably being supplied by the Victoria leagues. South Caulfield, fresh from

their high-scoring away victory against Box Hill in the

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# BBC Sport adopts the bold approach

I HAVE sometimes been

less than enamoured of the BBC for its habit of showing almost every bail of a Test match on weekdays and then all but abandoning the game at weekends. Having voiced that criticism in the past, it is only right and proper to offer three cheers for BBC Sport today, after a weekend during which it got the tricky balancing act just right.

This was partly assisted by the fact that the result of England v Pakistan was known before the game got started, which is itself a tribute to the pulling power of our greatest game. No other sport can have

the spectators, or even the players, turning up enthusiastically for a match whose outcome is already decided, especially so in this case because of England's depressingly conservative selection policy. Once the name of Pringle, no mean bat, appeared on the screen at No. 10 it was pretty clear that England had no plans to launch a three-day swashbuckling adventure in search of a result. The inclusion of a leg spinner in the squad was widely described as "bold". 1 think that letting him play

would have been bolder.

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Safety being the selectors' policy, the BBC could swing from sport to sport at the weekend with a clear conscience. The corporation, setting the England selec-tors the right example, took an especially bold step in deciding, most unusually, not to show two horse races live and instead give us uninterrupted coverage of

the Graf-Seles tennis final. Television often has a maddening tendency to leave events for which recording makes no sense (usually because of their length) in order to bring us something like a horse race which rarely occupies more than five minutes and can be shown at any time.

On Saturday the BBC got it right and so we had an absorbing tennis match which at one stage Graf seemed to have turned decisively. But Seles has tremendous grit, a factor which ( am sure will quickly win over the Wimbledon hordes, who

were not best pleased at the Seles no-show last year. The event was also a chance to measure the man who has taken over Dan

Maskell's mantle. John Barrett's expertise is not in any doubt all he needs now is to develop a few personal touches of the sort that made Maskell supreme, though hopefully Barrett will do that in his own way. "Gosh" and "golly" and "oh I say" were linguistic foibles for which we shall all cherish Maskell. One of the things I would like Barrett to abolish is the

somewhat cosy relationship that appears to exist between tennis players and tennis commentators. They



the commentary box being the last resting place of explayers and ex-coaches, but "Monica this" and "Steffi that" is an infuriating technique which often has the effect of making the viewers feel they have gate-crashed an exclusive party.

Barrett could do worse

than emulate Richie Ben-

aud, the supreme present demonstrated once again during the Test that less is more. Benaud never describes what we can see. he adds something to it. He is the urbane opposite of the Motson, no mean football commentator but nonetheless far too prone to giving us extracts from his vast library of reference books. "If memory serves" has become Motson's favoured way of introducing some obscure comparison, a device he will doubtless employ from Sweden.

The evidence of the buildup friendlies suggests that Motson and Trevor Brooking, much like several striking partnerships, have not yet got it right. We could use more time for Brooking's insights with less given to Motson's memory tests. Less is more, John.

### **BASKETBALL**

### Scott completes Cadle's Olympic squad jigsaw

By Nicholas Harling

KENNY Scott, the one player yet to join Great Britain's Olympic squad for training, is a surprising inclusion in the final group of 12 that flies off to Majorca tomorrow for the first of two warm-up tournaments.

Scott's inclusion is bad news for Ian MacLean, the last member of the original squad of 25 to be omitted by Kevin Cadle, the team's coach. Cadle's decision to take Scott is curious. The 6ft 9in forward was suspended for pulling out of an England international in Greece at short notice four years ago, but he obviously did not let Cadle down when he played under him at

Nor was Cadle influenced by the player's decision to remain behind in France in order to receive his salary from Lot et Garonne, the second division champions. "That was a good enough reason for me," the coach said. "I know what Kenny can do and 1 know that I am not taking any risks. He is the last piece of my puzzle."

Among those omitted from Cadle's jigsaw were Derek Izilean, a oft 10in centre. He

paid his own fare from San

Diego in a vain attempt to

persuade the British manage-

ment that he was worth a

Work prevented Richard Scantlebury from committing himself to the programme and Jason Crump was another to receive the news he least wanted to hear. Alan Cunningham, who tore a calf muscle on his international side his Kingston club-mate.

Colin Irish. The cancellation of last weekend's two games against Yugoslavia gave the squad more time for training. They were to be the last sessions for Mike Obaseki, whose exit followed that of another Thames Valley Tiger, Kevin St Kitts. Obaseki paid for returning too early from an ankle injury.

Ronnie Baker, "the point guard of the future", according to Cadle, was the next to be trimmed before the final selection was confirmed yesterday. OLYMPIC SQLIAD: C Brown (Lacesth): A Byrd, M Henlen, C Marer (at Kingston): I Gordon (uncit), M Hubberd (Montard, Moore, S Budernell (noth Subject, S Fish-son (Linwesty of Santa Barbers), P Seat-tlebury (London), S Dunkley (Linwesty M Delaware), K Soon (Lot et Garbrine, Fit.



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# Kimberley Park to go one better in Šalisbury sprint

KIMBERLEY Park, following that encouraging performance at Lingfield ten days ago when she was beaten half a length by Cheveux Mitchell. looks capable of going one better at Salisbury today by winning the Rothmans Royals North South Challenge Series Handicap in the care of Richard Quinn.

Trained at Compton by David Arbuthnot, Kimberley Park began this season by nunning a promising fourth behind Go Executive at Newmarket where La Bamba, another of today's runners, was fifth.

But whereas La Bamba was a rather disappointing favourite at Newcastle next time out, when he was beaten six lengths in third place behind Sharpalto and Jalmusique, Kimberley Park showed that she had improved after her first race by so nearly winning at

Lingfield.
She had the Thirsk winner Bold Angel and the Victoria Cup third Mango Manila well held in third and fourth

place respectively. A line through Mango Ma-nila would now appear to give Kimberley Park the beating of the recent Haydock winner Piquant, who finished only sixth in that Ascot handicap.

The betting before the Bishopstone Graduation Stakes is likely to be intriguing because it is quite possible to give each of the three runners a good chance of

What cannot be disputed is

### AND MEDICAL PROPERTY.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

my assertion that Not In Doubt, who might well start the outsider of the three, will relish today's trip judged on the way that he won at Cheptstow last time.

On that occasion he got up in the last stride to head Eightandahalf at the end of a mile-and-a-half contest.

Knowing that Peter Chapple-Hyam rates Eightandahalf quite highly, that performance by Not In Doubt could well turn out to be better than those winning runs by Faugeron and Lemons's Mill at Newmarket. Lemons's Mill has since disappointed at Sandown.

At her best, Itgan would go well in the City Bowl Fillie Handicap even with ten stone

She was far from disgraced

formance was arguably better than Trial Times's second to Magnified at Leicester. The best bet of the day, though, is Press The Bell, who is napped to win the EBF Thorn Maiden Stakes in the care of John Carroll.

But for starting slowly Press The Bell would probably have finished second to Risk Me's Girl at Windsor on his debut. A repetition of that form should suffice here because Risk Me's Girl is clearly a cut above average.

even though she only finished

stable is currently under a

cloud, I feel that it would pay

to hold a watching brief, and

go instead for the lan Bald-

ing-trained Crystal Cross,

at Epsom on Saturday when

turning the last race into a

At Pontefract, Lester

Piggott is taken to win the

Pontefract Park Handicap

Newnes partnered this same

seven-year-old at Yarmouth

where they were beaten a length into second place by

As the winner is held in

quite high regard, that per-

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Blinkered first time SALISBURY: 5.00 Spectacle Jim PONTEFRACT: 2.45 Virginia Cottage 3.15 Tehtitan. 5.45 Wentbridge Lad.

on the final day of the season.

having both the winner and

runner-up. Moorcroft Boy and Wheal Prosper, for the

Horse and Hound young horse award, the mare's

award being won by Janita Scott's Confused Express.

the Dick Woodhouse troph

nard Heffernan, who rode his

first winner this season,

though in his mid-forties, and

ended with six as well as eight

The Wilkinson Sword for

the leading novice rider

under 21 went to Zoe, the 20-

year-old daughter of former

ship finals were all well con-

tested with weight assisting Glen Lochan in the Land

Rover but proving no encum-

brance to Skygrange in the

Astroar was a worthy win-

Next season, The Times is

moving up to sponsor a series

of hunter chases confined to

horses qualified to run in

The 1992 point-to-point season ended on Saturday.

but enthusiasts may not have

ner of a closely contested fin-

ish of the last of The Times

championship finals. ·

RMC at Warwick.

point-to-points.

The national champion-

champion, David Turner.

seconds and six thirds.

The leading owner-rider for

Graham Roach had the remarkable achievement of



Arbuthnot: high hopes

Recession not a factor in

### record-breaking season POINT-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

RECESSION is not a word which applies in any sense to point-to-point racing. A total of 1,540 races took place this season, an increase of almost 20 per cent on last

year's record.

Full statistics will not be issued by the Jockey Club for another two months, but they are expected to show also a

The changed regulations, introduced for 1992, seem to have met with general approval. The open maiden appeared to be particularly in the rite with successful with well-filled races right to the end of the an herry use season.

The need for the extra tier of the intermediate race was eventually questioned as the few scheduled this season did not attract entries comparable with those for restricteds

With one of the new rules allowing a horse to win two restricted races, it was, however, always likely that it would take a year or two for the need of intermediates to be apparent, and it is too early yet to make any critical judgement.

On the championship front, Alison Dare retained there will be a new name on was Plymouth farmer Berthe Daily Telegraph cup. Robert Alner, who took a commanding lead early in the season and never looked like being caught.

The George Cooper-owned Carl's Choice headed the table for the leading horse award until the penultimate meeting when Brunico, owned by Rowland Mansell, took over. His advantage was further extended when he equalled the record total of 12

### Cheltenham distances fail to measure up

distances have been wrong for nearly 20 years, it was revealed yesterday.

The Gold Cup has been run over a distance half-a-furlong longer than the official three miles and two furlongs, and the Champion Hurdle and Triumph Hurdle are also

longer than they ought to be. Another big discrepancy is in hurdle races run over twoand-a-half miles on the new

THE advertised Cheltenham course at Cheltenham

nical Services.

The findings came to light in a remeasuring of all National Hunt courses, undertaken by Racecourse Tech-

The Cheltenham clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, admitted yesterday that significant."

so long to wait for the next, the proposal for a January punters were bound to feel aggrieved by the discrepanstart in 1993 having passed cies, but added: "I don't conthrough all the relative comsider the differences to be mittees and soon likely to receive Jockey Club approval.

### WATER TO BE THE WATER THE STATE OF THE STATE

Nottingham

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Fighter Squadron (F Norton, 4-1 tav),
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3.45 (60) 1. DENSBEN (K Fallon, 7-2 [t-fav); 2. Pageboy (J Weaver, 7-2 [t-fav); 3. Duckington (K Derley, 7-2 [t-fav), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cronk: 2 Courage (6th), 5 Nur, 14 in A Whirl (5th), 25 Mbulwa (4th), 7 ran. NR: Sty Prospect. ¾1, £1, 1161, 1161, 51 Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland, Tote: £4,40: £2.30. £2.60 DF: £8.80. CSF: £14.88 Tricast. £39.66.

4.15 (2m 11 218yd) 1. PATROCLUS (S Dawson, 9-1); 2, Creesger (S D Williams, 10-1); 3. Mr Taylor (C Hawksley, 16-1); ALSO RAN-3 tav Samain (4th), 5 Segaman (5th), 6 Sektom In, 15-2 Januani, 8 Isabesu, 20 Enkindle, 25 Vision Ol Wonder, 25 Singing Repty (8th), 33 Absolutely Right, 33 Isober, 25 Rejempour (pu), 14 ran. 1, nk, hd, nk, 101. R Veorspuy at Policyale Tota, 210,46, 23,00, 55-20, 23.10, DF £35-20 CSF; £90.32 Tricast; £1,297.08

4.45 (8f) 1, LITTLE TOO MIICH (M Roberts, 13-8 tav); 2, Key To My Heart (J Fortune, 7-2); 3, Razzaroo (T Lucas, 9-2); 4.LSO RAN 7-2 Formesette (4ft), 14 Maybe Gold, 100 Volunteer Point (5th), 150 Free Meriest (5th), 7 ren. 5); 3, 8, 13, 17. G Harwood at Puborough Tote: 22-70; C1.30, 12.00 DF: 24.50 CSF 27.02 \$1.30, 12.00 Dr. \$4.50 CSF \$7.02 \$1.5 (1m 21 6yd) 1, I'M ELECTRIC (N Day, 6-4 fav); 2, Supertop (W R Swinbur), \$3-1; 3, Garda's Gold (\$ Dewson, 16-1), ALSO RAN 6 Boring (5th), 13-2 Favyal (4th), 8 Young Jason (8th) 6 ran. 19-1, 19-1, hd, 4, 44 R Curite at Epson. Tota \$2.30, \$1.40, \$2.00 DF: \$2.80, CSF: \$5.95. Placepot: 2139.00.

☐ Mark Johnston's progressive sprinter Double Blue has been installed 5-1 favourite by the sponsors for the £30,000-added William Hill Golden Spurs Trophy at York on Saturday. Possible rivals include Splice, who beat Double Blue by a neck at Newmarket last month, and Phyliel.

### MANDARIN RICHARD EVANS 2.30 Musical Prospect. 2.30 Hamsah. 3.00 Crystal Cross. 3.00 Crystal Cross. 3.30 Not In Doubt. 3.30 Faugeron. 5.00 FANGIO (nap). 3.00 Crystal Cross. 3.30 Faugeron. 4.00 Kimberley Park 4.00 Superoo. 4.30 Top Song. 5.00 Ashtina. 5.30 Will Of Steel. 4.30 Top Song. 5.00 Darussalam.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Faugeron.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 CRYSTAL CROSS.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F 212YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

eighth in the race won by 2.30 EBF RUBBING HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,678: 5f) (11 runners) However, as Barry Hills's

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1	Ç	) O	AVRIL ETOILE 22 (D Simester) L Holt 8-11 C Avery (7)	
	G		CHATTERBERRY (D Hicks) L Holt 8-11 A McGione	_
3	(1		DON'T TELL DICK 35 (Woodberry Ltd) D Laing 8-11 T Williams	
4	(8	9	FANCIED (H Mould) H Candy B-11 C Rutter	
	[8		HAMSAH 15 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Mektourn) D Elsworth 8-11 W Carson	
	(7		HAWAII STAR 39 (P Pritchard) G Lewis 8-11	88
	(16		JARENA (Miss V McNeil) G Lewis 8-11	
. 8	- (4	}	LUGHNASA (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger B-11	-
9	(	)	MARWELL MITZI (Dorothee Viscountees Kelburn) W Wightmen 8-11 J Williams	_
	6		MUSICAL PROSPECT 7 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-11 M Roberts (	<b>99</b>
13	(1)	}	WHITE SHADOW (K Abdulla) R Charlion 8-11 Pat Eddery	_
BETT	IN	11-4 White	Shadow, 7-2 Musical Prospect, 4-1 Hamsah, 6-1 Hawaii Star, 8-1 Fancied, 10-1 Jan	ena,

1991: MEMU 8-11 S Cauthen (3-1 fav) D Elsworth 9 ran

### FORM FOCUS

AVRIL ETOILE 14! 10th of 18 to Darbonne at Bath (5/4, firm) DON'T TELL DICK 14! 12th of 15 to Northern Bird at Sandown (5/4, good to soft).

HAMSAH 2! 2nd of 9 to Princess Oberon in Sendown (5/4, good to firm) meiden. HAWAH STAR 64/4 6th to Rein Splash at Newmarkel (5/4, good).

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Selection: MUSICAL PROSPECT for his wife, Susan, on Busted In the absence of the maestro, who was preoccupied at Epsom last Wednesday, Billy

3.00 CITY BOWL FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1 (7) 21112-0 (TQAN 28 (D.BF.F.G) (H A-Makroum) B Hills 4-10-0 W Carson B4 (2 (5) 1131-56 SEAL INDIGO 33 (CD.F.G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-10-0 Pat Eddery B5 (6) 05/231- MISS FOXTROT 379 (D.F. (N Jones) J Dunlop 49-1. W R Swinburn 4 (2) 3100-18 GOOD REFERENCE 25 (F.G) (A Lišingston) M Sail 3-90 MON-RUNNER 5 (10) 20-0022 BLUSHING BBLLE 12 (B.S) (S Crown) P Cole 48-3. T Culon 87 (3) 0115-0 LOBINDA 80 (F.S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 38-3 MR Roberts 83 (4) 10-0 CELLA BRADY 27 (F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 48-3. C Rutter 80 (8) 033-421 CRYSTAL CROSS 3 (D.S) (P Mellon) I Baiding 3-83 (Sex) S O'Gorman (3) e 99 (1) 56432-3 MISS WITCH 14 (Tedwood Bloodstock Lid) H Candy 4-7-8 Antoinette Armes (7) 90 (9) 5015-54 SHAR EMBLEM 94 (T Person') S Dow 4-7-7 Date Gibson 86 (1) (1) 233222 BROOM ISLE 18 (BF.F) (V Guy)-Mrs A Knight 4-7-7 F Norton (3) 92 BETTING: 4-1 Crystal Cross, 9-2 Seal Indigo, 6-1 Blushing Belle, Broom lete, 8-1 Itgan, Miss Witch, 10-1 Cella Brady, Miss Frourol, 12-1 others.

### 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

TCAN running-on 8th of 15 to Lingec West in York (Im 4I, good) handicap; previously sh hd 2nd of 12 to Kilsam in Newmarket (2m, good to firm) handicap. SEAL, InDIGO 19 6th of 9 to Methodor in Cinester (Im 44 66yd, good to firm) handicap. MISS FOX-TROT beat See Breaker sh hd in 7-turner Chepstow (Im 4I, good to firm) handicap. BLUSHING BELL 4I 2nd of 4 to Secretary Of State at Brighton (1m 2I.

3.30 BISHOPSTONE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,984: 1m 6f) (3 runners) BETTING: 11-10 Faugeron, 2-1 Lemon's Mid, 9-4 Not in Doubt.

### 1991: SHAH DIAMOND 8-13 S Cauthen (2-1) J Gosden 4 ran **FORM FOCUS**

FAUGERON best Paradise Navy 3½1 in 5-finner Newmarket (1m 8t, good to firm) maiden. NOT IN (m 3f 91yd, good to firm) maiden. NOT IN (m 3f 91yd, good to firm) handicap. Previously best Pavonie 3i in 8-runner at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Selection: FAUGERON

### 4.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£3,720: 6f 212yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 5-1 Kimberley Park, 6-1 Piquani, Superoo, 8-1 Bertie Wooster, Sugemer, 10-1 Absonst, La Sa 12-1 Bestie Song, Mahsul, 14-1 others.

### 1991; NO CORRESPONDING RACE **FORM FOCUS**

BERTIE WOOSTER 3/ 5th of 7 to How's Yer Father in Chapetow (6f. good to firm) handicap. PIQUANT beat Eclipsing 2 in 4-naner Haydock (1m, good to firm) handicap.

LA RAMBA 8/4/ 3rd of 9 to Sharpelto in Newcastle (7f. good to firm) handicap. KIMBERLEY PARK 1/4/ 2nd of 14 to Cheveux Mitchell in Lingfield (7f. good) handicap with SUPERCO 101/4/8/th. TAKENHALL 7/4/4/9th of 14 to Pay Homage in Sandown (1m, good to firm) handicap with ABSONAL (8th better off) 2/til 12th. BEATLE SONG 5/7th of 20 to Jaid in Chepstow (71, good to firm) handicap, SUGEMAR best Domiclesky %i in 11-runner Yarmouth (71, good to firm) handicap with ARABELLE ROYALE (7th better off) 8/til 5th. LADY LACE/8/til 3rd of 18 to Execution Only in Wolverhampton (1m 11, good to firm) handicap.

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### FORTE-HAGE SERVICES THUNDERER MANDARIN

2.45 Swinging Tich. 3.15 Richmond. 3.45 Mr Confusion. 2.45 Swinging Tich. 3.15 Akura. 3.45 Busted Rock. 4.15 Royal Folly. 4.45 PRESS THE BELL 4 15 Peaceful Air 4.45 Press The Bell. (nap). 5.15 Admirals Secret. 5.15 MOOR LODGE (nap). 5.45 Kafioca. 5.45 Ann Hill.

GOING: GOOD

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Lord Leitrim. 3.45 BUSTED ROCK (nap).

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.4 (Round	5 WHITELANE-PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES MAID d one: 3-Y-O: £2,322: 61) (7 runners)	EN STAKES
1	(6) 5 ARJJIL 8 (J Jiggens) M Tompkins 8-7	M Godsafe

BETTING: 13-8 Swinging Tich, 5-2 Saddlehome, 5-1 Virginia Cottage, 7-1 Argil, 14-1 Over Sharp, 16-1 Double Shift, 20-1 Liberty Sten. 1991; DOUBLE DECREE 8-2 A Tucker (33-1) B Edison 12 ran

# 3.15 GROVE SELLING HANDICAP (E2,578: 1m 4yd) (22 runners)

1 (11) 55040-5 RICHMOND 8 (B.D.S) (P Tierney) S Norton 4-10-0 O Pears (7)	82
2 (18) 33/50-00 BROAD APPEAL 22 (F) (J Purcell) W Pearce 4.9-4 P Turner (7)	
3 (21) 163204 AKURA 17 (D) (8 Morgan) M Johnston 3-8-13 Dean McKeown	93
4 (22) 60-1000 EMERALD EARS 12 (G) (F Town) E Weymes 3-8-12 L Detton	
5 (7) 080000 FRIENDLYPERSUASION 8 (G) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-8-12 W Ryan	97
6 (14) 000050 TAHITIAN 8 (B,BF) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsoen 3-8-11	90
7 (3) 03-0603 LORO LEITRIM 8 (Gallagher Properties Ltd) N Callaghan 3 8-10 . B Raymond	95
B (19) 004-502 CHANCE REPORT 12 (F) (F Lee) F Lee 4-8-10 R Cochrane	
9 (15) S00-000 DEBJANJO 12 (D.F.) (Burgdon Budders Ltd) J Jerkins 4-8-9 G Duffield	96
10 (9) 00-0 BOBBIE BOLD 13 (Mrs V O'Leary) R O'Leary 48-9 M Birch	
11 (1) 61000-0 SQ BEGUILING 10 (F) (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 3-8-8 J Cluinn	
12 (6) 00330-0 VITAL VOLTAGE 14 (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 3-8-8	85
13 (20) 0-00053 CROWN RESERVE 7 (F Cosprove) M Ryan 4-8-7	
14 (8) 0-53060 MISS MAGENTA 7 (R Thompson) R Thompson 4-8-5 A Murro	
15 (16) 0200-00 SYKE LANE 45 (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 3-8-4	
18 (4) 000-060 KING OPTIMIST 14 (D Tale) A Smith 3-8-2	
17 (12) 630050 STATION EXPRÉSS 12 (F) (Miss A Strangeway) 8 Ellison 4-8-2 J Weaver (5)	
18 (2) 000 BRUSH WOLF 15 (R Widts) J Bradley 3-8-1	
19 (5) 65/0000 GEMDOUBLEYOU 15 (F) (G Johnson) F Jordan 4-7-13	
20 (13) 0000-00 MAGNETIC PRINCE 29 (Mrs G Levy) G Blum 3-7-12	
21 (17) 00000-0 TENDER MÖNARCH 14 (J Forsyth) P Bevan 37-10 J Lowe	
22 (10) 00-003 DOTS DEE 14 (J Kearney) J Bradley 3-7-9	
BETTING: 9-2 Lord Lestrim, 5-1 Chance Report, 6-1 Richmond, Alkura, 7-1 Crown Reserve, 8-1 Emerald	Èars,
10-1 Dots Dee, So Beguing, 14 1 Vital Voltage, 16-1 others.	

1991; AVISHAYES 4-9-9 D McKeown (7-2 lav) Mrs J Ramsden 17 ran 3.45 PONTEFRACT PARK HANDICAP (£3,622: 1m 2f 6yd) (9 runners)

(2) 033-402 BUSTED ROCK 6 (D.F.G) (Mrs C Drokson) Mrs L Progott 7-9-10. ... L Progott (6) 20032-8 POLONEZ PRIMA 6 (F.G.) (8 Butterworth) J Banks 5-9-8... L Newton (5) 89 (1) 5534-11 MR CONFUSSION 57 (D.G.) (R Fenneck-Guscen) S Norton 4-9-2 O Pears (7) 94 (9) 6/16-0 HIGHBROOK 33 (D.G.) (N Cook) M Tempkins 4-9-0. P Robinson 8-18 (9) 440-115 (KATY'S LAD 35 (CD.B.F.G.S) (J Butter) B MeMathers 5-8-12 P Robinson 8-11210-3 ABLE LASSEE 11 (BF.G.S.) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 6-8-3..... S Wood 9-99 (3) 651-625 ST PATRICK'S DAY 15 (BF.S.) (Mrs J Habo) C Britten 4-8-2 B Doyle (5) 67 4153-02 TRIAL TIMES 15 (Times Of Wigan) W O'Gorttan 3-9-1 D A Munito 1 Not. 3-1 Mr Confusion. 7-2 Busted Rock 9-3 Ketr's Lad 6-1 Dawn Success 8-1 Abiol accide Trial BETTING: 3-1 Mr Contusion, 7-2 Busted Rock 9-2 Kety's Lad, 6-1 Dawn Success, 8-1 Able Lassie. Trial Times, 12-1 Highbrook, 20-1 others. 1991: LIGHT HAND 5-9-1 C Hodgson (5-1) M Tomplans 8 ran

### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88 Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Sk-figure form (F - [et] P - pulled up. U - unseated rider 8 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - ratused. 9 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - ratused. 9 - proport down. S - slipped up. R - ratused. 9 - good 0 - which bries has won (F - turn, good to firm, hard. G - good 0 - which bries has won (F - turn, good to soil, heavy). Owner in V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyesheld. C - course and whight Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private witner D - distance winner. CD - course and thandicapper's rating.

4.30 LAVERSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,304: 1m) (11 runners) AVERSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES (UN 1: 3-Y-O: £2,304: 1m) (11 runners)

(4) 6- CRYSTADO 277 (A Foustok) D Eswerth 9-0. J Whitens 67

(5) 60- NONANNO 229 (Mrs C Harbury) A Chamberlain 9-0. G Baxter —

(6) 60- NONANNO 229 (Mrs C Harbury) A Chamberlain 9-0. G Baxter —

(7) 0-0 SOUTHWOLD AIR 49 (Lady Cohen) J Dumlop 9-0. W Cerron 31

TISSISAT (The Queen) I Balding 9-0. Pat Eddary —

(8) 004-045 BELLS OF LONGWICK 12 (Mrs M Wickham) D Lang 8-9. T Wittlams 88

(9) 07-045 BELLS OF LONGWICK 12 (Mrs M Wickham) D Lang 8-9. T Wittlams 88

(9) 07-045 BELLS OF LONGWICK 12 (Mrs M Wickham) D Lang 8-9. T Wittlams 88

(10) 08-04-045 BELLS OF LONGWICK 12 (Mrs M Wickham) D Lang 8-9. Paul Eddary 87

(11) FRACKING (J Richmond-Wataon) G Harwood 8-9. P D'Arroy —

(11) 0-5 SPINAYAB 224 (A Hepden) E Wheeler 8-9. S Wintworth —

(12) 002-4 TOP SONG 27 (Mrs A Visientine) R Hannon 8-9 Mrs Roberts — 99

(13) 002-4 TOP SONG 27 (Mrs A Visientine) R Hannon 8-9 Mrs Roberts — 99

1991: WILD AND LOOSE 9-0 J Williams (13-8 lav) D Elsworth 13 ran

### FORM FOCUS

BETTING: 9-4 Top Song, 100-30 Bracing, 4-1 Crystado, 8-1 Tissisal, 8-1 Eiras Moori, 10-1 Southwold Air,

CRYSTADO 9½ 6th of 11 to Almasr Alwasheek to Kempton (71, good to firm) stakes race. TISSISAT by Green Forest out of a s dam who won the Ribblesdele Stakes and is a half-treather to several witners, including Chestnut Tree and Saltent. BRACING by Dancing Brave out of a dam who won over 1m 41 and is closely related to Budwesser Mit-

5-00 SWANAGE HANDICAP (£2,364: 5f) (11 runners)

<b>.</b>	vv	SMYL	IAGE HANDICAP (LE.SOF. SI) (11 Islands)	
1	(4)	000-430		89
2		501646		91
3	ä	50-0843		95
4	m	312143		92
	(2)	64-0001	DAPIUSSALAM 7 (D.F.G.S) (Foxley Saddlery & Countrywear) R Lee 5-96 (7er) Pat Eddery @	99
	ã	045100-		87
7	eni			94
8	(1D)			94
ğ	an	04-0550		93
	`a)	8805-14		92
11				90
			Prescrious 7.5	

Long nandicap: Miss Precoclous 7-5.
BETTING: 11-4 Datussalam, 7-2 Fango, 9-2 Ashbra, 6-1 Divine Pet, 8-1 Gone Savage, 10-1 Dawes Of Nelson, 12-1 others.

1991: CITY LINK PET 5-7-9 S O'Gorman (4-1) D Wilson 7 ran **FORM FOCUS** 

GONE SAVAGE beaten hd into 3rd behind My Ruby Ring in 11-runner apprentice jockeys handicap here (6I, firm) on perultimate start IRON KING 244 4th of B to Crarny Mc in Redear (6I, film) american jockeys handicap on perultimate start.

ASHTINA 3Val 3rd of 18 to Viceroy in valuable Epsom (6I, good) handicap DAWES OF NELSON 24 4th of B to Det in Hamilton (6I, good to firm) handicap AMIGICA 3Val 3rd of 13 to to Fiveseventiveo in Goodwood (6I, firm) apprentice jockeys handicap. DARUSSALAM best Rainbow

5.30 LAVERSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,304: 1m) (11 runners) BETTING: 2-1 Guesstimation, 100-30 Will Of Steel, 4-1 Bashs, 6-1 Zawaahy, 6-1 Samoor, 10-1 Silky Siron, 12-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION **FORM FOCUS** 

FLASH OF STRAW 71 last of 7 to Robingo in Yar-mouth (71, good to firm) maiden. GUESSTIMATION is by Known Fact out of an unrased half-slater to rumerous winners in the United States. WILL OF STEEL 31 2nd of 11 to Al Sadi in Kempton (71, good) masden with SIRMOOR 16I Bits, previous-ly 31/s1 2nd of 17 to Bunty Boo in Nottingham (81,

good to soft) malden. BASHA by Chief's Crown out of a mere who was a high-class performer up to 1m 1f. SILKY SIREN 11½1 4th of 7 to Mahasan on Leicester (7f. good to soft) malden. ZAWAAHY 5½1 3rd to Bolcardo at Goodwood (1m 11, firm); prevously 3½1 2xd of 12 to Do Run Run at Bath (1m, soft). Selection: WILL OF STEEL

### Roberts extends lead to three

MICHAEL Roberts made the most of Pat Eddery's absence in France to open up a lead of three over the reigning champion in the jockeys' championship — thanks to a double at Pontefract yesterday.

The South African, enjoying a tremendous run at present, now stands on the 53-winner mark. Bookmakers William Hill responded by cutting him to 7-4 from 2-1 for the title, easing Eddery slightly to 2-1

Roberts would doubtless be keen to renew his acquaintance with Little Too Much, who booked his place for the Coventry at Royal Ascot next Tuesday with an emphatic success in the Youngsters Stakes.

All three of Guy Harwood's juvenile runners to date have now made it to the winner's enclosure, and this 155,000 guineas Storm Bird colt holds an entry in the Middle Park.

An odds-on failure on his Goodwood debut, Little Too Much showed the benefit of that experience by trouncing Key To My Heart
"Little Too Much ran a little green

and coltish at Goodwood," explained Harwood's assistant, Chris Kinane. Calpella had initiated the Roberts double by beating newcomer Whirl in ine opener.

One horse who will be joining Little Too Much at Ascot is Patroclus, who earned his place in the two-and-a-half miles Ascot Stakes by beating Creeager in the Pontefract Cup.

☐ Pat Eddery was in action at Saint-Cloud yesterday, winning the group three Prix de Royaumont on Khaled Abdulla's Berceau who proved too good for Steve Cauthen's mount, Triple Tiara. Cauthen was also out of luck in the Prix de la Jonchere, where his mount, Steinbeck, finished runner-up to Take Risks.

### 4.15 JUVENILE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

		TILL MADEN ACCITON STARES		
Ŀ 2-Y-	O: £2,4	69: 6f) (13 runners)		
(10)	D	MOONSHINE DANCER 15 (P Colquhour) Mrs G Reveloy 8-12	J Fortune	_
(4)		IRISH ROOTS 63 (Mrs H Rowbottom) C Tankler 8-9		80
(2)		STREPHON 49 (M Tompkins Elite) M Tompkins 8-7	P Robinson	_
(13)	44	PINKERTON'S SILVER 19 (Miss E Macgregor) M H Easterby 8-2		90
(5)		WATERLORD 18 (Mrs F Jansen) C Cox 8-2	_ A Munro	92
(1)	3	CANNY LAD 21 (A Soulsby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-0	. K Dariey 🕶	99
(8)		SWEET ROMEO (Faryhouse 1992 Partnership) M Johnston 8-0		
(11)		DON'T BE SAKI 12 (M O'Horan) J Etherington 7-13.		
(12)		PEACEFUL AIR 45 (T Scothern) E Weymes 7-13		
n		ALICE BAY 10 (Mas K Harns) D Haydn Jones 7-9		71
(3)		CANAZEI 31 (Mrs C Cawley) E Incisa 7-9		_
(6)		MISS BRIDGE 18 (Glenmore Bldrs) M Bell 7-9		
<del>(9</del> )		ROYAL FOLLY 36 (R Berenson) C W C Eisey 7-9		92
ING: 5		Lad, 7-2 Pinkerton's Silver, 9-2 Waterlord, 6-1 Insh Roots, 8-1 Roy		42
	194	11: CASTLEREA LAD 8-2 W Carson (10-11 tayl R Hollinshead 12-	ran	

4.45 EBF THORNE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,782: 5f) (8 runners) 

1991: INDIAN ENDEAVOUR 8-9 W Carson (11-8 (av) R Guest 8 ran 5.15 IRON BRIDGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,805; 1m 4f Byd) (13 runners)

042 SAHARA SHIELD 12 (Shakh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scotti 9-7
5-300 BRIER CREEK 14 (Shakh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-7
5020-21 MOOR LODGE 6 (D,F) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 9-6 (5cs.)
000.5 INDIAN TERRITORY 22 (H Colled) D Haydn Jones 9-1
8-30 VERY EVIDENT 29 (A Morton) B Hills 9-0
000002- MYSTERY LAD 174 (B) (Gallagher Properties) N Callaghan 8-13
G Duffield Officers (S.11) 7 (5) 000-053 DON'T FORSAKE ME 14 (Lord Canton) D Morley B-11 8 (4) 000-102 ADMIRALS SECRET 14 (W Grubmuller) C Wat 8-9 9 (13) 0-800 BENTICO 14 (M Christofi) M Jarvis 84 10 (7) 6-00 ROWANDENE 55 (W Pratt) M H Eastarby 8-0 S Maloney (5) J Lowe 000-084 ELSA 14 (A Kaplan) R Holder 7-7
0-000 KENTUCKY CHICKEN 10 (Mass L Siddall Mass L Siddall 7-7
000-0 PIE HATCH 18 (Mass E Aldque) M Prescolt 7-7

Long handicap: Kentucky Chicken 7-3, Pie Halch 7-0 BETTING: 3-1 Moor Lodge, 4-1 Admirals Secret, 9-2 Don't Forsake Me. 11-2 Sehara Shield. 8-1 Biver Creek. 10-1 Very Evident, 12-1 Mystery Lad, 15-1 Bentico, 20-1 others

1991: FORMAL OCCASION 8-11 W Carson (7-2) P Chapple-Hyam 12 ran

### 5.45 JUVENILE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(DIV II: 2-T-U	7: <u>\$2,</u> 469: 61) (13 futilies)		
•	SUDDEN SPIN (Counters of Lonadato) J Berry 8 10	J Carroll	-
1 (10)	BLAKES BEAU (G Lealham) M H Easlerby 8-7	M Barch	_
2 (5)	DANGER BABY (D Blate) 9 Jones 8-5	. V Smkh	_
3 (9)	O ATHERTON GREEN 8 (Atherton and Green) J Glover 8-4	Dean McKeown	_
4 (8)	D ATHERTON GREEN & MINERIAL BIO GLOVE GOVERNO	TLucas	-
5 (1)	BENZOE (7 Fauce!!) M W Easterby 8-4	W Ryan	71
6 (12)	6 PRIME PAINTER 11 (S Malhreson) A Fisher 8-4	G Dufheld	
7 (7)	0 NEWINSKY 21 (R Braughton) C Tinkler 8 3		
8 (11)	CYPRUS CREEK (I Lee) N Timber 8-2	A Bacon	
9 (4)	BUZZ-B-BABE (Mrs S Elkson) B Elkson 8-0	J Fanning (3)	
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# Hooper shows his value as Kent meet challenge

By JACK BAILEY

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of three): Kent (17pts) beat Essex (4) by four wickets

A BOUNTIFUL day for Kent ended with their meeting the Essex challenge to score 343 runs from 92 overs, and surmounting it with more than three overs to spare.

With both sides forfeiting an innings, Kent's second championship victory also be-came an ideal warm-up for the Benson and Hedges semifinal on Wednesday against

Hooper with 86, Taylor with 90, and Benson and Cowdrey, who made half-centuries, were the main individual beneficiaries and Hooper again underlined what a marvellous catch Kent made when they landed him before the beginning of the season.

Bearing in mind that Benson had put Essex in to bat. Foster's declaration after a further 37 runs had been added yesterday morning did not err on the side of meanness. He asked Kent to score their runs in only three overs fewer than Essex had taken in less favourable conditions. It was a calculated gamble at longer odds than were strictly necessary, and it never really looked in danger of coming

Without Such, the Essex attack lacked variety. The pitch was too slow for Foster, Ilott, Andrew and Stephenson, and Childs was virtually seen off by Taylor.

### Downpour **Book's contents** spoils spark reaction conclusion

By Peter Ball

CHESTERFIELD (final day of three; Derbyshire won toss): Derhyshire drew with Durham in a one-innings

CHESTERFIELD is not the first place you associate with tropical downpours. It had one at tea-time yesterday, the intensity that within ten minutes pools of water sat on the uncovered parts of the square and a lake began to form in front of the press box, while spectators huddled under the trees, even the largest golfing umbrella offering only limited protection.

Fifteen minutes later, in hest monsoon conditions, the sun was pouring down, but too late. A pity, because a potentially interesting finish to a benighted game was in the offing.

Reduced to a one-innings match after wash-outs on the first two days, Derbyshire needed 211 from the minimum 39 overs remaining after a generous declaration by David Graveney had originally asked them to get 242 in 50 overs.

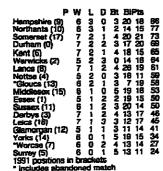
They had made a steady, but uninspiring start as Wood, the powerfully built Yorkshireman, generated some hostility on the tradi-tionally lively Queens Park wicket. Barnett in particular lived dangerously.

Parker, a Sussex man to his MCC braces, is thriving at Durham without the cares of captaincy, where he is averaging over 60. After the openers had fallen in the heavy atmosphere. Glendenen to a superlative leg-side catch by Krikken off an authentic leg glance, he came in to join Jones in a tense situation.

The pair removed it in a partnership of 137 in 21 overs with Parker on this occasion the senior partner, racing to his fifty off 50 balls. By the end of his innings, as Jones also joined in, Adams had been introduced and plan B, setting up the declaration, was in operation, but it had not been so at the start as Bishop was no-balled and warned for bowling two bouncers in an over and both Malcolm and Mortensen beat the bat more than once.

Parker escaped twice, perhaps three times, before he spooned Adams to mid-off after hitting him for one six. Jones went on with certainty, reaching his own fifty with a six into the pavilion, and a century was there for the taking when Graveney declared. If the captain had known what lay ahead he might have given his batsman the extra over, but Jones, refreshingly, had no complaints.

COUNTY TABLE



Taylor leaned on to the back foot and hammered Childs, and others, so that most of the potential sting was removed from the Essex attack before Hooper and Cowdrey got to grips with it. Benson had helped lay a solid foundation in his usual

phlegmatic style, adding 80 for the second wicket with

But Taylor's was the key innings. His second 40 runs came from only 35 balls and illustrated unusual mastery over an Essex attack which tended to bowl a fraction too

Having begun ponderously, Taylor was allowed to hook and cut as he never should have been and of his 16 fours many, far too many from an Essex point of view, came from blows square on either side of the wicket.

After that, Hooper, with a series of graceful yet punishing strokes, was all that Kent advantage. He and Taylor had taken the total to 180 from 50 overs before Ilott ducked one back at Taylor and bowled him off the inside edge. I lott's joy was little short of delinous, but even then it was all too late.

Kent were well on target.
Maintaining a rate of four runs an over, even with 163 still needed, was always on the cards with Hooper there, Cowdrey in solid support, and the likes of Fleming waiting in the wings.

As is so often the case, a minor flurry of wickets occurred as Kent's destination hove into view. With 38 required. Hooper and Llong fell at the same total of 305. Hooper's 131 balls had brought him nine fours and a six and he and Cowdrey had added 125 in 20 oversi.

Fleming went just before the end, but Cowdrey steered his team safely towards revenge for the fearful drubbing they had endured earlier in the season at the hands of their old foe from north of the Thames.

Although, looking back, it is possible to say that Essex could perhaps be faulted for the generosity of their declaration with the bowling at their disposal, full credit must be given to the way Kent set about their task.

Benson's tactic of inserting the opposition — something he has done now on three successive occasions - has shown a canny instinct, as

By RICHARD STREETON

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three): Lancashire (3pts) drew with Gloucestershire (4)

ON THE eve of a Lancashire disciplinary sub-committee meeting to discuss a controversial book about Wasim Akram, the county's recent spate of injuries continued unabated yesterday. Shortly before this match was washed out by rain. Neil Fairbrother. ous recurrence of his recent

hamstring injury. Wasim's relationship with Lancashire became strained after he was fined £1.000 last summer for excessive shortpitched bowling and reported by the umpires for swearing during a game with Warwickshire. In a book titled Wasim and Waqar: Imran's Inheritors, the author, John Crace, also quotes criticism of Lancashire's action by two other

players, Mendis and Fowler. It is believed that the club is as much concerned about these other two players' remarks as they are by Wasim's comments in the book. It is also understood that the manuscript was not submitted by Wasim for vetting as it should have been under the

terms of his county contract. Wasim's six-year contract expires next season and Lancashire will be desperately anxious not to do anything that would make the Pakistani reluctant to renew his playing agreement. Wasim is already under pressure from some Pakistani officials to take a break from the ardu-

Middlesex v Leics

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlesex (2pts) drew with Lexcestershire (4) Middlesex: First Innings 102 (V J Wells 4 Ioo LESEX: First Innings 102 (V J Wells

Second Innings

BOWLING: Benjamin 9-3-23-0; Multally 1-3-48-0; Milins 13-3-2-77-1, Wells 12-4-33-Hepworth 12-0-62-0; Boon 2-0-18-0.

J O R Benson at Brown b Emburey
P N Hepworth c Fraser b Emburey
V J Wells not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-46, 4-114, 5-114.

BOWLING, Williams 12-1-29-2; Fraser 4-0-20-0, Taylor 9-3-37-1; Headley 6-1-28-0; Emburey 10-3-27-2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire

Derbys v Durham

CHESTERFIELD (final day of three; Derbyshire won toss) Derbyshire drew with Durham in a one-innings match

DURHAM

Total (5 wkts) .....

Total (2 wkts dec) ...... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-195, 2-201.

ous strain of playing cricket

Meanwhile, Fairbrother

could be out of the game for by the agony he was in when he broke down chasing a ball to the fine-leg boundary. Fairbrother collapsed on to the covers next to the sightscreen and had to be carried across to the pavilion by two team-mates. He first strained the hamstring during the Texaco trophy international at the Oval on May 22 and was absent for 11 days.

when Lancashire suffered four significant defeats and meant Fairbrother has been hindered from establishing himself in his first summer as captain.

target of 340 in 79 overs, were 148 for one from 46 before rain prevented play after tea and spoilt a promising finish. After early manocuvring to make up for the loss of Friday's play, Hodgson and Hinks gave Gloucestershire a good start before Hodgson was leg-before to Watkinson, who had shared the new ball before switching to off spin. Hinks made 88 not out, his best score since

BOWLING: Bishop 6-1-17-0, Malcolm 6-1-29-1; Warner 4-1-11-0; Mortensen 8-0-29-1, Goldsmith 13-1-82-0, Adams 8-0-60-1.

A M Brown, T.J.G O'Gorman, C.J.Adams, †K.M Krikken, S.C.Goldsmith, I.R.Bishop, A.E. Warner, D.E. Melicolm, and O. H. Mortensen dict not bat.

BOWLING. Hughes 6-0-8-0; Wood 5-0-23-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater.

Lancs v Gloucs

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three): Lancashire (3pts) drew with Gloucastar-shire (4) LanCashirtz: First Innings 288 (N J Speak 144: C A Walsh 6 for 42)

Second Innings

BOWLING: Alleyne 5-0-23-0; Scott 7-1-21-0; Athey 4-0-8-0, Hinks 2.5-1-14-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Imnings 28 for 1 dec (BOWLING: Morrison 0.3-0-1-0; Walkinson 3.3-0-18-1; Austin 3-1-8-0.

Second Innings

Total (1 wkt) ...... 148

G D Hodgson tow b Watkinson ..... S G Hinks not out ....... "A J Wright not out ......

FALL OF WICKET: 1-132.

Total (no wkt dec) . . . . . . . . . .

Extras (lb 4, nb 2)

all the year round.

The remarks in the book are fairly innocuous and Lancashire, therefore, could well decide to take relatively mild action in this affair against all three players. The club has continued to sell the book at their bookshop at Old

It coincided with a period

Gloucestershire, seeking a moving from Kent.



# Javed rediscovers a rare gift

GIVEN the blandest of pitches, batsmen on both sides turned the first Test match at Edgbaston into an abbreviated orgy. From Javed Mianded and Salim Malik came oriental wizardry, from Alec Stewart and Robin Smith, a style which owes less to eye and wrist and more to concentration and orthodoxy.

Of the 26 larger partner-ships in Test cricket than the 322 which Javed and Salim put together on Saturday and Sunday I saw ten, and in none of them was the batting more disarming. Javed and Salim have both played a good deal more of their firstclass cricket in England than in Pakistan, so England's bowling can hold no terrors. I am surprised that this was only Javed's second hundred in 17 Tests against them. Salim bats, as it were, in

velvet gloves. No one playing the game today, not even David Gower at his best, has a greater gift for effortless- 60 runs in his previous seven though a lot more exotically. Alec as Micky's son.

BY IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (final day of three):

Middlesex (2pts) drew with

THE one championship vic-

tory Middlesex have achieved

this season was over Leices-

tershire, a factor, no doubt, in

their decision to leave them

quite a tempting target on a

bland pitch yesterday. This amounted to 240 off a mini-

mum of 43 overs. Leicester-

shire had a stab at it when

Ben Smith and Justin Benson

were in partnership, but no

After their fourth and lifth

wickets fell off consecutive

bails, they fell back on an

honourable draw. Still Smith

collected runs where he could.

eschewing hitting against the

spin, but 153 off the last 20

overs was beyond the com-

pass of one of the weaker sides

YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Carrick: six wickets

for Yorkshire

Yorks v Somerset

MIDDLESBROUGH (final day of three) Yorkshire (7pts) drew with Somersel (3)

VORKSHIRE: First hmings 317 for 7 dec (M D Mozen 117, S A Kellett 87, BOWLINS, Caddick 25-87-1, van Troost 19-582-1, Rose 14-3-43-1; MacLeey 22-8-51-1; Trump 8-1-360; Cottam 10-1-33-0; Mayhunst 13-6-27-3)

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayfurst c Blaker b Robinson
M Lathwell c Byas b Carrick
"R J Harden c Byas b Robinson
R J Bartlett c Tendulkar b Carrick
1N D Burns c Byas b Hartley
G D Ross c Tendulkar b Carrick
W M Meel Gaus c Tondulkar b Carrick

Umpires: N T Plews and R Palmer

more than that.

in the country.

Leicestershire (4)

JOHN WOODCOCK ness. The way, even on slow

pitches, in which he drives balls short of a length without lifting them is uncanny: the power and precision with which he persuades balls pitching on the off stump through the leg side drives bowlers to distraction. One moment he is feathering an off-spinner to third man almost out of the wicketkeeper's gauntlets, the next he is on his toes crashing something much faster past

off an aura of equability. Javed is more abrasive more overtly alert. In Pakistan 18 months ago, playing against West Indies, he looked to me as though he was finished. Suffering from a bad back and a serious loss of confidence, he was a shadow of himself. When he went in at Edgbaston on Saturday

Smith has been afflicted by

an ankle injury, not that it

showed in his batting here.

Coming in after Leicester-

shire had made far from the

requisite start - Briers was in

16 overs for 11 - he batted

for two hours until Middlesex

gave up with three overs re-

maining. A small, pugilistic

batsman, Smith will be the

backbone of his county's bat-

Every one of his 67 runs

was responsibly made, not

least those taken off Em-

burey. Benson struck 39 off

36 balls before throwing the

bat once too often. The last

hour might well have be-

longed to Edmonds, had he

been partnering Emburey.

Alas, tactics, not infirmity.

precluded him from playing.

Nobody knows now whether

Middlesex bat, indeed about

both innings, was that mark-

Inson 1-0-17-0, Batty 4-0

The joy about watching

his time will come again.

Extras (to 2, nb 6)

Total (64 overs) ....

M Lathwell not out . . . . .

BOWLING: Hobrison 1-0-17-0, par 18-0, Gough 3-0-22-0. Umpires H D Bird and K E Palmer

Kent v Essex

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of three). Kent (17pls) beat Essex (4) by four

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S J W Andrew, N Shahid, †M A Gamham, M C flott and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-90, 3-235 4-297.

287.
BOWLING: Igglesden 4-0-13-0; Elison 274-93-0; Eafneim 27-4-78-1; Fleming 24-367-3; Hooper 9-0-32-0; Llong 5-1-38-0
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KENT: First Innings forfested
Second Innings
T R Ward c Hussain b Childs 11
"M R Benson c Waugh b Foster 67
N R Taylor b flott 90

Extras (5 8, 75 14, w 2, nb 5)

Total (4 wkts dec. 96 overs)

Extras (nb 2) . . . ...

Total (no wkt) ... ... ..

ting over the next decade.

cover point. Now aged 29

and in his prime, Salim gives

ing only 26 from his previous 16. He had discovered what it was like to be mortal. If, now, he has taken on a new lease of life, it may well

be because of regaining the captaincy of Pakistan, just as the responsibility of the vicecaptaincy will act as a spur to Salim. Salim scarcely featured in the World Cup. while Javed did so only introspectively. Here at Edgbaston we saw again the Javed of old - one of the most extravagantly gifted batsmen there has ever been. I am inclined to think that those batsmen capable of the most outrageous flights of genius to have emerged since the Sec-ond World War are Javed, Rohan Kanhai, Neil Harvey and Graeme Pollock. Gary Sobers is simply the greatest

Watching Stewart and Smith piling on the runs reminded me of Denis Comp-

edly few runs came off joke

bowling. There was no collu-

sion about the declaration:

Haynes and Roseberry, hav-

ing made seven runs between

them in very different condi-

tions on Saturday, now

amassed 195 for the first

No doubt there is no coinci-

dence that Roseberry, having

had his best season to date

when partnered by Haynes in

1990 (1,593 runs) is fast

going about improving on

that. He has made five centu-

third century in consecutive

matches, scored, in all, from

162 balls. Millns was treated

irreverently, especially when

he was swung over square leg

for two consecutive sixes. In

his next over, Roseberry

struck him for three

successive fours, all through

the leg side. Even Haynes

could not match that, al-

C L Hooper c Foster b Andrew G R Cowdrey not out
N J Uong c Gamham b Rott
M V Fleming c and b Stephenson
M A Ealham not out

†S A Marsh, P M Elison and A P loglesden did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-117, 3-180, 4-305, 5-305, 5-334

8CWLWS, Andrew 20:1-73-1; flott 18.4-3-82-2. Childs 13-3-73-1, Foster 16-4-49-1: Stephenson 10-2-32-1, Waugh 11-1-29-0. Umpires J H Harris and P B Wight.

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.
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60. R A Bunting 4-62). Norfolk 178-4 dec;
(S B Dixon 55 not out) and 151-3. Norfolk
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(M L Simmons 68. E Robinson 4-74),
Herefordshire 174-9 dec (M Abberfley 5A) Lewington 4-49) and 108 (D Hartley 539). Berkshire won by 81 runs Radruth:
Cheshire 175-3 dec (T Bostock 63. I
Cockbam 81) and 47-1: Commell 150 (d F
M O'Brien 4-41). Stamford: Lincofrishire
171-8 dec (J D Love 55) and 162-8 dec (P
C Graham 4-30), Northumberland 137-9
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Morre 66). Match drawn.
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BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Sheffield (Abbaycale Park). Durham 181-7 (G K Brown 50 not out. C S Pickles 4-37). Yorkshre 31-0 No result The Ovel: Sussex 205 (A Harriey 74); Surrey 206-0 (A D Brown 139 not out. P D Attens 51 not out.) Surrey won by 10 welvels Lancaster: Lancastine 226-8 (R C Irani 90); Notlinghamshre 226-1 (R J Amsahle 240-7 (R J Parks 8 not out. R S M Morris 58); Somerset:241-3 (K A Parsona 105 not out. M E Trescothex 79) Somerset won by 7 weckets

Other matches

Yesterday's was also his

wicket.

ries already.

post-war cricketer.

Roseberry prospers in partnership though there were 13 fours in

against Pakistan at Trent Bridge in 1954. Denis made

278 in 290 minutes, and to a

greater extent than Stewart

and Smith, did much as he

pleased. There was, about him, a touch of magic that is

very rare among Englishmen. Whereas Salim and

Javed have it, Stewart and

Smith do not. Stewart, how-

ever, did play extremely well.

his bat very straight, his striking wonderfully clean.

Stewart's Test record con-

firms what many in the game

know, and that is that if you

have the temperament and

can get into the side, and you

are not playing against West

Indies, runs can quite often

be easier to score for Eng-

land than in county cricket.

The pitches have a lot to do

with this, as well, of course.

as the time factor. For

Surrey, Stewart averages a

fairly modest 35, for England

an impressive 42.8. Very

soon Micky will be known as

Alec's father, rather than

his 94. Only after the openers were out did Briers bring on Boon and all that that entailed. Chean runs and a declaration ensued, but time, as throughout the match, was at a premium.

David Lawrence, the England fast bowler, is making a nostalgic visit to his old primary school in Gloucester tomorrow to pass on a few cricketing tips. Lawrence, still recovering from his knee injury in New Zealand in February. has agreed to take morning assembly at Tredworth junior school in the city before giving a cricket

lesson to 15 of the pupils. The brave youngsters who face up to Lawrence's bowling during his visit will have an incentive to score: a bat signed by Lawrence will be presented to the highest

### Carrick in form for **Yorkshire**

PHIL Carrick recorded his best figures for seven years as Somerset were made to follow on at Middlesbrough before their rain-wrecked match with Yorkshire ended in an inevitable draw.

The failure of the captains to reach agreement on a lastday target condemned the spectators to a meaningless contest as Somerset opted for batting practice.

But their plan came unstuck as Carrick took six for 58 in 23 overs and Mark Robinson claimed three for 34 as the visitors were bowled out for 167 in 64 overs, 150

Bartlett was Somerset's top scorer, with 56, including seven fours, from 119 balls. When they batted again. Caddick made a career-best 37 not out as his side reached 57 without loss from eight

mick Ca Hill hits twice to assist

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Spain .....

FROM SYDNEY PRISKIN IN AMSTERDAM

ROBERT Hill's two goals from short corners helped Britain to draw 3-3 with Spain yesterday for fourth place in the BMW Trophy which ended here with Pakistan winning the gold medal Hill took his total to five goals to put himself top of the scorers' list, leaving Britain with a conversion rate of six

goals out of 14 short corners

and the comforting thought

that the routine in this de-

partment has come right. Apart from sharing the spoils with Spain. Britain had earlier drawn 3-3 with Pakistan and lost by a goal to both the Netherlands and Germany. These figures may agement, but in the last 18 months Britain have won only four matches. They have not beaten Germany since the 1988 Olympic final.

Spain took a 2-0 lead with a goal in the sixth minute by Arnau and another six minutes later by Iglesias. But in the twentieth minute a stick tackle by Spain cost them a short corner and Hill converted. Eight minutes into the second half he converted another to level the scores. Ignacio Cobos, a substitute.

scored in the 51st minute to give Spain a 3-2 lead, which they held until the 62nd minute when Williams scored from Thompson's centre.

In the deciding match, the Netherlands scored first in the 24th minute from a short corner, converted by Bovelander. Pakistan replied with two goals by Ťahir Zaman from a short corner and a penalty stroke. The women's BMW Tro-

phy was won yesterday by the Netherlands, who defeated Germany 1-0 with a goal by Martine Ohr. Britain finished last after a 5-4 defeat by South Korea.

The Koreans led 4-1 and 5- |aid s[()]] 2, but became careless at the back and Britain capitalised. The goals came from Jane Sixsmith, Susan Fraser from a short corner and two from Kay Johnson in the last minute from a penalty stroke and a short corner. GREAT BRITAIN: S Rowlands; S Mai Bolland, J Potter, J Lasiett P H

**BOWLS** 

### **England** suffer two raids

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE success of the African countries has been an unexpected feature of the sixth women's world championships at Ayr. where Namibia. Botswana. Zambia, Kenya and Swaziland have scored notable pairs victories.

Kenya started the trend by beating Canada, Zambia dispatched Scotland and Swaziland surprised Australia, but England's pair. Jean Baker and Mary Price, was the victim of a double-barrelled assault from Zambia and Botswana yesterday. No hint of the scale of

England's eventual discomfiture was evident when Baker and Price trailed Helen Graham and Margaret Hughes. of Zambia, by a single shot after 18 ends, but three ends later, they were back in the pavilion on the wrong end of a 32-17 scoreline.

They were outplayed. 22-13, by Shirley Baylis and Heather Roberts after lunch. finding no consolation that Botswana were runners-up to Ireland four years ago.

England's gloom was lightened, however, when Norma Shaw returned to skip the triple in the sixth session. having missed three rounds due to conjunctivitis.

England had won two out of three matches without her. and are still in contention. although New Zealand and South Africa are vying with them for a place in the gold medal play-off.

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# **TENNIS**

# Quick Cash shows no mercy for **Tarango**

BY ALIX RAMSAY

YOU had to be quick if you wanted to see any tennis at the Stella Artois tournament yesterday at Queen's Club. Blink and you would have missed the entrance of the gladiators: Spend too long over lunch, and the match would have been gone.

Pat Cash opened his ac-count easing into the second round in 51 minutes by beating Jeff Tarango 6-1, 6-1. Tarango's interests off court include philosophy and creative writing — not that he was given much time to think yesterday. With Cash thumping home 80 per cent of his first serves, there was little the American could do to stem

Tarango's downfall was his inconsistency: one minute he was powering shots past Cash, the next he was dumping volleys into the net, and to compensate he tried enlisting the help of the crowd. As Cash slid full length into a ball girl at the net, he raced over to the former Wimbledon champion, counted him out like a felled boxer and shook hands with the umpire to claim the victory. It was the nearest Tarango was ever to get to winning.

"You can't afford to show any mercy. If you rest up at all these guys will jump all over you," Cash said.

Playing fewer tournaments these days and waiting to see whether he has a wild card into Wimbledon, Cash is still reasonably happy with his game and his prospects. "If you don't play that much you can't expect too much but I know I can still give some of these guys a run for their

Jeremy Bates's Queen's Club campaign lasted just 68 minutes as he was knocked out of the first round by Guillaume Raoux, 6-3, 6-4. Bates had started brightly enough and looked to be equal to the Frenchman's challenge but having missed two chances to break serve in the third game. the spark suddenly went out of his play.

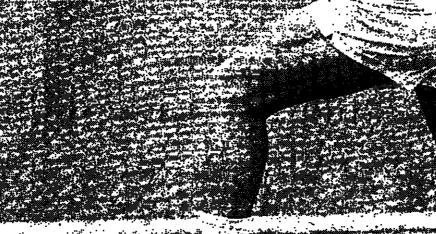
In the end, the result hinged on one line call in the second set. Fighting back to level terms from a break down. Bates had a volley called wide. He debated the point with the umpire, lost the argument and then went on to lose the match.

"I had one or two pretty close calls," he said. "That point in the second set at 4-4 turned out to be a huge point. Having not done well for the whole match that was my only chance, and to have it Only Chance, and to have it taken away was annoying."
RESULTS: First round: G Rapux (Fr) bt J Balos (GB), 8-3, 8-4; K Curren (SA) bt T Witsten (LS), 6-47-5; C Prichtern (Car) bt R Fernando (EV) 7-6, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) bt J Tesrango (LS), 6-1, 6-1; S Matsucks (Japan) bt A Thoma (Ger) 7-6, 6-3; S Stole (Aus) bt R Frombarg (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; W Ferrelas (SA) bt D Polision (CS), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; M Woodfords (Aus) bt G Connell (Can), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; P Kunhan (Ger) bt J First (Arn), 5-7, 6-2, 15-13; G Pozzi (IV) bt M Cierro (IV), 8-3, 2-6, 6-2; W Measur (Aus) bt A Jamyd (Swe), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; C van Rensburg (SA) bt K.

Michael Chang, the former French Open champion, and Richard Krajicek, of The Netherlands, will take part in the Vauxhall Cup Europe v Rest of the World challenge at Roehampton from June 18 to

Chang and Krajicek join Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, for the event, which began last year when Boris Becker and Henri Leconte led Europe to victory.





Out of line: Bates during his first-round defeat at Queen's Club yesterday

### Siddall stakes wild-card claim

ADRIAN BROOKS

BY BARRY WOOD

SHIRLI-ANN Siddall, who last week enjoyed the finest win of her career when she defeated Tammy Whittington at Beckenham, staked her claim for a wild card at Wimbledon yesterday by overcoming the more experienced Austrian, Heidi Sprung, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the second round of the Dow

Classic at Edgbasion. Nerves played a part, for she led 5-1 and squandered eight set points in the first set. and led 4-0 in the second. Siddall often looked clumsy then, while Sprung appeared less inhibited. However, she made just as many errors as Siddall.

"I had to get a grip on myself when it went to 5-4," Siddall said. "I could see my-self losing the set and the match. But my determination is my greatest asset, and that saw me through." Siddall will be 18 next week.

"A wild card at Wimbledon is at the back of my mind," she said. "It's everyone's dream to play there."

On a day interrupted, and then prematurely ended, by rain, few matches were completed. Jo Durie, Amanda Grunfeld and Valda Lake all waited in vain to get on court, and Sarah Loosemore, play-ing only her second tournament this year, will resume today against Kristine Radford, of Australia, having lost the first set 6-3, but 3-1 ahead in the second.

The most interesting aspect of Loosemore's performance was her willingness to serve and volley. Unfortunately, she paid dearly for her numerous errors at the net, something that may deter her from playing with so much assertiveness today.

RESULTS: First round: E Reinach (SA) bt S Rottier (Neith), 6-0, ret; M Ende (Japan) bt M Kidowati (Japan), 6-2, 6-1; R Fairbank-Midelfer (US) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-1; 6-4; A Zugesti (Fr) bt S McCarrity (US), 6-2, 6-4; M Jaggand-Lai (Aus); M P Fendick (US), 6-2, 4, 5-7, 6-2; S A Sicidal (GB) bt H Sprung (Austria), 6-4, 6-8; J Richerdson (NZ) bt L

tablished a 34-mile lead over

Paul Vatine's Haute Nor-

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At mid-day yesterday, the

Frenchman was closest to the

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and almost in line with Phi-

lippe Poupon's multi-hull,

Fleury Michon, which is

charting a course south of the

handed transatlantic race.

### Simon Barnes

# Sorting out the humbug from the magic zing

has unquestionably been the grand old sport of Olympic book-writing. Yesterday, replying to the challenge of Lords of the Rings, the book that professes to lift the lid off the Olympic Games and everybody involved with them, we had the launch of Olympic Revolulaunch of Olympic Revolu-tion: The Olympic Biography of Juan Antonio Samaranch.

of Juan Antonio Samaranch.
This one was written by my colleague, David Miller, and every page reflects his fascination by and devotion to the Olympic movement. Samaranch — for the benefit of those who have never read a David Miller story — is president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and, therefore, the most powerful man in sport. Samaranch turned up to

Samaranch turned up to the launch of Miller's book yesterday. "Mr President, what about this other book?" "We are not here to talk about that book. We are here to talk about this book."

Britain's press peppered him with questions, but we didn't land a glove on him. In all honesty, we didn't expect to. The man is a master of ringcraft. He gives you noth-

ing.
What about these statements you allegedly made about an Anglo-Saxon conspiracy against you, Mr Samaranch?" "I respect Briritsh sport. I have a great Francoists now bear with admiration for it..." etc. etc. pride in Spain. One is at Fighting Sam-aranch is like

aranca fighting a "You never see in public the picture of a powerful ruler," said one of the many people quoted in Miller's book. "Samaranch is like a

pianist in a hotel lounge. You are aware pect of the Olympic move-

I have met powerful sport-ing leaders, some of whom shower you with charm, while others seek to overwhelm you with bullying and veiled threats. Samaranch does neither of these things. It is hard to say what he does do. He seems to be a man with a charisma bypass.

be considerable — is invisible. Someone else compared him to a judo player: when you push, he pulls. His revolution has been a quiet one, but by creeping through the corridors of power in his carpet slippers, he has trans-

There are two points that need addressing. The first is the question of Olympic Humbug. Lords of the Rings, by Vyv Simson and Andrew because, for some reason, the world believes Olympic It is the same principle as royal family stories: marital strife in Hertfordshire means nothing to the world at large, but marital strife in the royal family sets the

Wapping.
In the same way, money

The great event of the seems to me that Olympic Olympic Year so far leaders can either lose money

prime quality sweetmeat and part of the Anglo-Saxon legacy of public-school sport. But Samaranch is still per-

It is important for both world. The Olympic movement is not a religion, and I despise those who try to make it one. By the same token, the IOC is not the college of cardinals, Samaranch is not the Pope.

This brings me to the point, brought up with some flourish in Lords of the Rings, that Samaranch, a Spaniard, was a fascist and a supporter of English and Samaranch. of Franco. Miller tells us:

in this case was opposition. "I respect and that is a scar many anti-

'Britain's press didn't land a glove on him, that is what it The man is a master of ring- However, Samcraft. He gives aranch's past is neither the you nothing' most relevant you nothing'

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formed the Olympic Games: made them safe, Miller says.

Jennings, attracts attention people should have higher standards than the rest of us. Thames on fire, at least at

making by a multi-national company is not exactly a big newspaper story, but money-making under the Olympic flag is somehow shocking. It Pavilion Books, £15.99).

fectly prepared to play the humbug card when it suits him: yesterday on the radio he was talking about the athlete's "sacred" right to sports administrators and their critics to live in the real

and we can expect little more from these people than we do from other international political figures.

"There was no alternative."
Of course there was an alternative. The alternative

liberty to admire or despise Samaranch's ing to taste. nor the most

interesting asof him, but he is never ment. Ultimately, the most interesting thing about the Olympic Games is com-petition. The best against the best, the triumphs, the disasters, the failures, the glorious winners and the gallant and the resentful losers. These are the things that inspire us, and the Olympic Games have survived against terrific odds because they provide the world's greatest opportunity

> trìumph and disaster. The Olympic Games roll on, huge, lumbering, disaster-prone, scandalprone and politics-ridden. because of a massive public will. Ultimately, Samaranch exists because the world loves the Olympic Games, and will devote hour after hour to watching them. That is where the money comes from, and that is where the

> power comes from. The reason both the present Olympic books make headlines is because the Olympic trail of triumph and disaster has a magic zing to it. The real heart of the Olympic Games is not humbug, or idealism, or money. or power, though all these are relevant. The secret of the Games is competition, and the power this exerts over the imagination of the world.

Olympic Revolution: The Olympic Biography of Juan Antonio Samaranch by David Miller (published by

### Maidstone to close

mather than I Maidstone United, who play on the best and med their home games at Dartand the manufacture of three months unless a sponsor steps forward in the next

few days.

"It is with regret that the board of directors announces board of directors announces
that, despite every effort to
financially restructure the club in order to continue playing in the Football league, the club has been unsuccessful in doing so."

Jim Thompson, the chairman, said in a statement.

Beer appointed

Sports Council: Ian Beer, the chairman-designate of the forthcoming Sports Council for England, and Jim Elms, the chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, have been appointed to the GB Sports Council.

Moses injury

two raids Athletics: Edwin Moses, the world 400 metres hurdles record-holder, may have lost By Javan Kins had his last chance to qualify at the US Olympic trials when a pinched nerve forced him to State of the Control of State miss the Irvine Elite Track  $\frac{\{m\}}{\{m\}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{q_0}{q_0} = 0$ Classic on Sunday.  $\lim_{n\to\infty} |\chi_n| \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} |x|^{nC}$ 

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA LEAGUE: First division: Brighton BS2s 0, Birmingham Bulls 54, Galashead Sarators 15, Manchester Spartare 38, Leeds Cougars 41, Black-pool Falcons 6, Lescaster Panthers 16, Nottingham Hoods 20, Second division: Edinburgh Phoenix (), Glasgow Lons 45; Karf Mustenge 36, London Ciympians 8 28,

### **ATHLETICS**

### Yates to face critical test

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

MATTHEW Yates. Britain's every bit as demanding as the get it. tres champion, tonight faces the first critical examination of his Olympic summer.

Yates faces a field worthy of the Olympic final itself when he lines up in the International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix 1,500 metres here. The first four from last summer's world championships in Tokyo are present, which means that Noureddine Morceli, the prevailing force at the distance, will be at the start for his first 1,500 metres of the season.

Wilfred Kirochi, the runner-up from Tokyo, Hauke Fuhlbrugge, who was third, and Jens-Peter Herold,

fourth, are also included and, of those who might be expect-ed to figure in Barcelona, only Peter Elliott and the Spaniard, Fermin Cacho, are missing. Neil Horsfield, from Wales, will be looking to establish himself as a contender for Britain's Olympic team. The task before John Regis, one of Britain's world champ-

ionship-winning 4 x 400 me-

tres relay team in Tokyo, is

even more so. Regis is entered for the 100 and 200 metres and it is in the longer event that the opposition looks for-midable. Michael Johnson and Frankie Fredericks, first and second in the world championships, head the line-up, but this is Rome and the locals here know what Regis is made of. In 1987, he came within a cat's whisker of winning the world title. A

year later, he won the grand prix here. Regis, the European champion, has been short of races because of the dearth of 200 metres opportunities on the circuit this season. "I wouldn't say that it was more than a hiccup." Regis said. "After this I run in Dijon on Saturday, Verona next V/ednesday and in the match against Kenya on Friday."

Paul Evans, who missed out on Olympic 10,000 metres selection when the team was named yesterday, because he failed to achieve the qualifying time, is to be given another three weeks to

John Bloourt, Evans's mar ager, was working last night on the possibility of bringing together a field capable of helping Evans to run under 28min 7sec in a speciallystaged race at Tooting a week tomorrow. Earnonn Martin and Richard Nerurkar, first and second in the Olympic trial on Friday evening, were duly named yesterday as were Liz McColgan, Jill Hunter and Andrea Wallace for the

women's team. Andy Bristow, who reached the world championship final last year but was behind Evans on Friday, was said by Bicourt to be among those willing to support a Tooting trial, though one assumes Bristow will be as much out to help himself as the pace. If the weather on the night proves bad, Evans will save himself for Hengelo, the Netherlands, on June 28, the deadline which the selectors have set for qualification.

SELECTIONS: Men: 10,000m: E Martin (Basicion), R Non-rica (Bingley H). Women: 10,000m: E McColgan (Dundes Hawkhill), J Hunter (Vall. H), A Wellace (Torbey). Heptathlon: C Count (Binchfield H).

### **YACHTING**

### Howlett given Star chance at Games

By BARRY PICKTHALL

night.

leaders.

DAVID Howlett and Philip Lawrence won the final place in the British Olympic yachting team yesterday after counting sixth place in the final round of Star class trials at Pfingsbuch, near Kiel, Germany.

Howlett, a former Finn class world champion, was Britain's reserve sailor at both the 1976 and 1988 Olympic Games. It was his expertise in boat tuning at Pusan four years ago that helped Mike McIntyre and Bryn Vaile win the gold medal in the Star class. He teamed up with Lawrence in January, after taking over the same boat that carried McIntyre and

Vaile to Olympic victory. The trials remained tight throughout the 20-race series, and Howlett established his lead with just two races in hand, to finish II points

ahead of Michael Hicks and David Munge. □ Laurent Bourgnon, the French yachtsman sailing the 60ft trimaran, Primagaz, es-

# IEADING POSTIONS (at noon yesterday with miles to Newport): Class 1 multihuita: 1. Prunagaz (I. Bourgnon, Fr) 2.528 miles; 2. Haute Normandle (P Vatine, Fr) 2.533; 3. Fulicolor (I. Peyron, Fr) 2.577; 4. Banque Pop (F Joyon, Fr) 2.579; 5. Pierre 1er (F Artheud, Fr) 2.583. Monohulita: 1. Cacclec d'Aquitains (Y Parlier, Fr) 2.833; 2. Groupe LG (B de Broc, Fr) 2.642; 3. Dogwatch (N Burgess, GB) 2,643; 4. Mileco (S Soldhi, IV) 2.680; 5. Moern, 60 (V Melingri, Fr) 2,950. Other British: 8. Cardill Discovery (A Wyrme Thomas) 2,661; 7. Queen Ann's Battery (M Gatehouse) 2,661.

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FOOTBALL

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Hampsten, 3:28; 5, Chloccols, 3:27.

DAUPHINE LIBERE RACE: (33km final timed stage): 1, C Mottet (Fr), 43mm (5 89 sec 2, V Elymov (ClS), 8 seconds behind, 3, L Leblane (Fr), 57, 4, 8 Zberg (Switz), 1 11, 5, A Mejia (Col), 1:27, 6, G Sugno (fl), 1:29, Overall: 1, Mottet, 38hr 30mm 19sec, 2, Leblane, 43 seconds behind: 3, Bugno, 2:11; 4, Zberg, 2:40; 5, Camargo, 3:01; 6, L Dutaux (Switz), 3:02.

WILMINGTON, Delaware: Women's tournament: Leaders after final round (US unless stated): 205: A Okamoto (Japan), 57, 69, 69, 208: P Bradely, 72, 70, 66: D Richard, 68, 70, 70, 88, 71, 210: J Geodes, 77, 65, 68, D Mochris, 71, 70, 89, 211: M McGann, 74, 69, 68; C Walker, 72, 70, 69; N Scranton, 70, 72, 69, N Lopaz, 67, 73, 71, 212: H Alfredsson, 72, 71, 69, K

Shipman, 71, 72, 69; D Ammaccapane, 72, 70, 70; J Cratter, 72, 69, 71; C Keggi, 70, 70, 72; British: 218; L Davies, 72, 70, 74, 218; P Wright, 73, 72, 73, 219; K Davies, 72, 71, 76.

74. 218: P Wright, 73, 72, 73, 219: K Daves, 72, 71, 76.
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CRICKET 32

England manager willing to take big gamble against Denmark on Thursday

# Taylor ready to play Palmer in role of sweeper

IN MALMŌ

LESS than 72 hours before England's opening match in the European football championship, Graham Taylor found himself lurching from profound confusion to a disturbing dilemma. Still bemused by the sudden loss of Mark Wright, he proposed yesterday that the crucial sweeper's role could be filled by Carlton Palmer.

The strategy represents an outrageous gamble but Taylor may have left himself with little choice. He spent most of the preparatory build-up in Finland convincing his squad, and telling the media. that the conventional 4-4-2 system had won nothing for England for more than a quarter of a century.

It was time, he said, for change and he revealed the new 3-5-2 formation in last Wednesday's game in Helsin-ki. It featured Wright acting not so much as a spare central defender but as a continental sweeper encouraged to go forward whenever the opportunity arose to prompt the



the player to be experienced and able to distribute the ball. Ronald Koeman will demonstrate for The Netherlands during the tournament how the part should be played. It is wildly optimistic to expect Palmer to be adequate, let alone excellent

For all of his stamina and willingness to work, he is not blessed with the other necessary characteristics. Moreover, he has no previous experience even at club level. although he has played before for both West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield Wednesday and the England B side in the central defence.

Whenever he did so, he was merely acting as the cover for the two markers. To ask him to take a more sophisticated role in only his fourth full appearance for his country is

a risk scarcely worth taking. Yet Taylor, when asked whether he was considering The position carries heavy the option, of using Palmer as

### clared that he would have no misgivings. "I would be prepared to do that without hesitation," he said. "He was the man of the match in the B game against Czechoslovakia and he had an effect against Finland when he came on for the second half." He recalled that Michel

Platini was highly compli-mentary about Palmer after the French B game. Yet the Sheffield Wednesday representative performed then in midfield, where his industry is most valuable and his ability to harry the opposition is such an asset.

Taylor may be taking to excessive limits his policy of secrecy in suggesting that Palmer will be his sweeper against Denmark on Thursday, but he may well yet reflect that his public rejection of the conventional formation may have been premation may have been pre-mature. As his party has disintegrated, caution may be the wisest measure. At least England know how to play the 4-4-2 configuration.

Nevertheless. Taylor insists that he does not necessarily plan to alter his stated intention to lead England into a new, progressive era. The absence of Wright does not yet seem to have changed his mind. "No one is indispensable" he said.

It seems clear, though, that Wright's failure to report with the squad on Sunday has disrupted plans which had already been disturbed by the withdrawals of John Barnes and Gary Stevens. Taylor revealed that the Liverpool captain, when he was eventually persuaded to travel to the hotel in Luton on Saturday night, arrived with neither his boots nor any clothes for

the England camp and Taylor was still waiting last night to hear official confirmation of his damaged Achilles' tendon from a London specialist.

was not surprised by the complications which have occurred during the last five days. "I'm not as worried as

people may think I should he said, "But I've been used to this over the last 20 months. I've not had everyone available for a single international. "Because of the absolutely

ridiculous system we operate in our country, we don't give the England team priority. I keep harping on about it

ing decisions but that opportunity has been completely by-passed. I don't apologise for making these comments and in future England players who withdraw will have to report with medical evidence to the Football Association unless they are unfit to

### TODAY.

The Times kicks off the European championship with a 16-page guide to the finals in Sweden. David Miller, Stuart Jones, Clive White, Roddy Forsyth and Terry Venables give their views and there is a fullcolour chart showing fixtures and television coverage for the next two weeks. Plus a chance to win a trip for two to England's match against Sweden.

# Mansell may suffer from rule changes

BY NORMAN HOWELL

THE Formula One motor racing teams have decided to make radical changes to the rules governing the world championship next season. following the dominance of the competiton by Nigel Mansell and his Williams-Renault team this year.

Starting with the first grand prix of 1993, all the cars will be narrower and run on slimmer wheels and tyres. They will all also use four-star petrol. The changes, which were given unanimous approval by representatives of all the teams at a meeting in Maranello, Italy, last Thurs-day, will be ratified by the sport's governing body, Fisa. later this year. The changes are the biggest to be made to the sport since it began in the 1950s. It has also been decided that pace cars will be introduced in time for this year's British grand prix on July 12.

It is hoped that the new rules will make Formula One more enjoyable for spectators but they are bound to offend the fuel companies and those who see the pursuit of excellence as the be-all and end-all

of the sport.
The rationale for the narrow chassis and the reduction in width of the tyres is a simple one. These measures will reduce comering speeds, making overtaking possible more often than at present. As things stand, many drivers are able to enter corners at very high speeds, keep the foot on the throttle and then exit just as fast.

A narrow tyre will have less grip around a corner, while a

narrower chassis will increase the weight transfer, which will also reduce the speed at which the car can take the corner. And though the speed round the bends will be reduced, it could be that straight line velocity might even increase as a smaller chassis and narrower tyres will reduce the aerodynamic drag on the car as a whole.

The fuel regulation that was agreed on at Maranello. is potentially the most contro-versial of all. At present, it is clear that the scientists of Elf the French petrochemical giant, have come up with a fuel that Shell, Agip, Mobil and BP are finding very hard to match. This benefits Williams and Renault but it has raised doubts about its value to the car-manufacturing industry as a whole.

The teams' decision to use a

single fuel in 1993 means their cars will be using the same fuel that most of us put in our cars. The rule is likely to be enforced by use of random tests during races and a car will be black-flagged if non-permitted substances are found in the fuel.

Any changes are bound to penalise a team that is thriving under the existing conditions, in this case Williams-Renault, but in what is an election year for Fisa, many people want to be seen to be taking action.

The politics of the sport might make a slight difference to the spectators, who have been a little shortchanged in recent years but may now find that the specta-

### Premier clubs given nothing for policing

were told yesterday that they will not receive a penny towards the cost of policing next season's matches. The remaining Football League clubs will share a £2 million Football Trust subsiand the GM Vauxhall Conference.

The decision to exclude the Premier teams — it is still not clear whether they will be awarded future project awards to help with the cost of Taylor implementation was taken at a meeting of the 15-strong board of Trustees. Members include the FA chairman, Sir Bert Millichin, the chief executive, Graham Kelly, his PFA counterpart, Gordon Taylor, and the Football League president, Gordon McKeag.

Last season the 22 first division clubs — they officially left the Football League at midnight last Thursday - all claimed the maximum £25,000 grant towards cost of policing and stewarding.

Now they must meet the bill out of their pockets.

### an ache for Scots SCOTLAND'S complicated once he arrives.'

Ferguson's tooth is

injury problems in the runup to the European football championship increased yesterday. No sooner had Maurice Malpas and Pat Nevin been passed fit to travel to Sweden than Andy Rox-burgh, the Scotland coach, was told that his forward. Duncan Ferguson, had been confined to bed after an operation to remove an infected

tion to having his tooth taken out," Roxburgh said. "He didn't get a wink of sleep last night. I've spoken to his father, who will deliver him to our hotel tonight so that we can check him out.

"At the moment he is on antibiotics, so we will have to

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enced Dundee United player, aged 20, was offset by the news that his colleague, Malpas would be fit to catch the flight to Gothenburg tomorrow. The veteran of two World Cups aggravated an Achilles tendon injury during his fiftieth international in

hopeful that his defensive stalwart will be ready for Friday's match against The Netherlands whom he watched in action against France in Lens last Friday. be tough, but that game con-

firmed it," he said.

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Malpas has responded to We knew this group would

Sweden.
"He was neither in any condition to join us nor did he seem to be prepared to." Members of the international about the delay in transmitting the news of his injury to

The England manager. though clearly disappointed

### by the apparent lack of cobecause if I don't say it, nooperation, stressed that he body else will. The only people who are happy if I don't say anything are those who make the decisions. In the last 12 months we could have made far-reach-

Joining in: Graham Taylor, the England manager, duels with Dorigo in training

### Stewart books opener's spot for summer proved his Test record," said when Mushtaq finally dis-

FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

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EDGBASTON (final day of

five): England drew with

STRICTLY in terms of competitive sport, this was one of the more pointless days of Test cricket for many years. Discussion in the sparse crowd focused on the last

time any Test match was so

lapped, though never

upstaged, by 127 from Smith

as England repaired the

damage, partly self-inflicted,

monopolised by the batsmen, and even the minor moral victory of first-innings lead was claimed by England only ten minutes before stumps were drawn for the last time. In terms, however, of the developing Test careers of Alec Stewart and Robin Smith, the final day of this first Cornhill Test was far from inconsequential. Stewart's chanceless 190 was over-

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Having chosen the wrong

team, an error admitted last night by Graham Gooch, and then bowled indifferently and caught inadequately, survival was a solitary aim for England. On a pitch described by Gooch as "a batsman's paradise", Stewart and Smith put on 227 for the third wicket and banished all fears.

If doubts had persisted over Stewart's role in this side, none survived his six-hour innings, the most fluent if not the most valuable he has played for his country. Stewart waited a long time for his first Test century, averaging only 26 in his initial 13 games, but in his last five he has amassed 676 runs at an average of 95. He can now be inked in as Graham Gooch's opening partner for the rest of

the summer, and the queue of you are not opening next time contenders for the job may have a lengthy wait.

Gooch led the praise. "Opening the batting has helped Alec discipline himself." he said. "He has always struck the ball well, but this has made him a better player. in fact a much better player."

Asked if Stewart would keep the job, Gooch raised those expressive eyebrows and said, chuckling: "If you have just scored 190 in a Test you might be a bit put out if

Aamer Sohali c Stewart b DeFreitas...
Mis-hit hook to square leg
Remiz Raja libw b DeFreitas...
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Total (4 wkts dec, 541 min, 137 overs) ......

Salim Malik Ibw b DeFreitas

First Innings

†Mom Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Aqib Javed and Ata-ur-Rehman did

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33 (Ramiz 14 not out), 2-96 (Ramiz 43), 3-110 (Javed 9), 4-

BÓWLING: DeFreitas 33-6-121-4 (nb 1) (7-1-29-1, 5-1-15-2, 6-0-28-0, 8-2-19-0, 7-2-30-1); Lewis 33-3-116-0 (nb 14) (4-1-12-0, 7-2-14-0, 5-0-19-0, 4-0-27-0, 8-0-31-0, 5-0-13-0); Pringle, 28-2-92-0 (nb 14) (5-0-21-0, 6-0-20-0, 3-1-4-0, 5-0-13-0, 8-1-31-0, 1-0-3-0); Bothem 19-6-52-0 (4-1-15-0, 1-1-0, 8-2-24-0, 4-2-6-0, 2-0-7-0); Hick 13-1-45-0 (2-1-4-0, 8-0-24-0, 3-0-18-0); Goodh 10-5-9-0 (2-1-1-0, 8-4-8-0); Ramprakash 1-0-3-0 (2-1-1-0, 8-4-8-0); Ramprakash 1-0-3-0 (3-1-1-0, 8

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: First day: no play. Second day: start delayed until 2 45pm. Bad light stopped play at 2.47. Play abandoned at 5.48. Third day: 50 in 62 min. 14 overs. Lunch 95-1 (Ramiz 42, Asif 29), 30 overs. 100-136 min. 32.4 overs 150; 197 min, 46.5 overs. Tes 186-3 (Javed 39, Salm 39), 59 overs. 200-257 min. 83 overs. 250-305 min, 76.1 overs. New ball taken after 86.3 overs at 278.3 Close of play: 290-3 (Javed 99, Salim 80), 92 overs. Fourth day: 300: 375 min, 94.3 overs. 350: 433 min, 109 overs. 400: 485 min, 124, 5 overs. Lunch at 400-3 (Javed 135, Salim 147), 125 overs. Pakistan declared at 2.34

Jäved Miandad. 50: 138 min. 104 balls, 8 fours. 100: 247 min, 209 balls, 15 fours. 150. 401 min. 327 balls, 19 fours.

Salim Malik: 50: 115 min, 94 balis, 5 fours, 1 su, 160, 254 min, 188 balis, 12 fours, 1 six, 150: 352 min, 279 balis, 18 fours, 1 six

England won toss

round." End of debate. Smith's position in the side

was not in question. After 32 Tests, he remains one of only a handful of current batsmen to average above 50. At home, where he has made all his seven Test centuries, his record is quite phenomenal. but he needed help yesterday. Mushtaq Ahmed putting down a straightforward return catch when Smith had scored only 21.

good look at him, and neither the way they played, nor the Qadir's successor. He had made a further 106

R A Smith 1bw b Mushtaq.

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J Lamb c Javed b Rehman

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Total (7 wkts, 476 min, 119 overs).

IT Botham and P A J DeFreitas did not bat.

changed from the city end, this was not a day the chunky leg spinner will fondly England's batsmen had a delighted.

First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28 (Stewart 17 not out), 2-121 (Stewart 57), 3-348 (Smith 85), 4-348 (Smith 85), 5-378 (Smith 103), 6-415 (Smith 116), 7-446

way Gooch spoke later, suggested any paranoia in the dressing-room about Abdul "I don't think he has im-

lodged him. Smith mis-

judged the googly but, despite

whirling away almost un-

Mushtaq's Test average of more than 60 runs per Mushtaq's miss was Pakistan's sole blemish in the

field, a record with which England might have been "At this level, if you hang on to your chances it can

change the game." Gooch said. "We didn't do that and we paid for it. I don't think we bowled well on Saturday but

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the dropped catches certainly Gooch, a cryptic reference to didn't help.'

Gooch was quick to confirm the view that England's bowling lacked variety. "In hindsight, we should have played our leg spinner," he said. "We all make mistakes. Ian Salisbury was very disappointed and, as it has turned out, he should have been in the side." Salisbury's prospects for

the next Test at Lord's will be debated by the selectors tomorrow, when another concern will be Ian Botham's strained groin. Botham did not bat yester-

day but he was not alone in missing out on the run-least In mid-afternoon, a weary Stewart pulled Rehman to mid-on, having batted for ten minutes short of a full day.

This was the first Test wicket for the whippy Rehman, at 17 the latest infant prodigy of Pakistan's remarkable talent scouts. He did not wait long for his second.

Ramprakash had padded up only to give Lamb a break from his six-hour vigil. Finding himself in the middle. he received the best delivery of the day, second ball. Rehman, bowling from wide of the crease, obtained lift movement and Ramprakash's thin edge was confirmed by umpire Kitchen.

BOWLING: Waqar 24-2-98-1 (w 1) (6-0-21-0, 8-1-36-1, 5-1-16-0, 5-0-23-0); Aqib 16-3-86-1 (nb 10) (4-1-11-1, 4-0-23-0, 8-2-52-0); Mushtaq 50-8-156-2 (15-3-45-0, 12-2-35-0, 23-3-76-2); Rehman 18-5-69-3 (3-0-19-0, 2-0-12-0, 13-5-38-3); Mujtaba 8-1-29-0 (3-1-10-0, 5-0-19-0); Aamer 2-0-8-0 (one speti); Salim 1-0-5-0 (one speti); When Lamb also missed out, driving on the up to midoff. Rehman had taken three for 17, rare figures indeed in a game that yielded an average 82 runs for each of its !!

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Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer. Man of the match: A J Stewart (adjudicator: D Lloyd). Match drawn MATCHES TO COME: June 18-22: second Test (Lord's). July 2-7: third Test (Old Trafford, rest day: July 5). July 23-27: fourth Test (Headingley). Aug 6-10: fifth Test (The Oval).

5-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Top 35-1 (Stewart 20, Hick 4), 12 overs. 50: 89 min., 15 overs; 100: 116 min., 29.5 overs; 150: 157 min., 39.3 overs. Close 170-2 (Stewart 94, Smith 10) 43 overs. Fifth day: 200: 198 min., 47.5 overs. 250: 250 min., 60 overs. Lunch 299-2 (Stewart 183, Smith 63), 73 overs. 300: 301 min., 74.1 overs. 350: 358 min., 88.4 overs. 400: 413 min., 102.2 overs. Tea 443-5 (Smith 112, Lewis 16), 103 overs. Rain stopped play 4.28 to 4.35, at 421-6 (Smith 118, Russell 4), 109 overs. 450: 467 min. 116 overs. Bad light stopped play 5.08. England declared at 5.27.

Stewart 50: 125 min., 85 balls, 7 fours. 100: 195 min., 132 balls, 18 fours. 150: 272 min., 190 balls, 26 fours. Smith: 50: 149 min, 96 balls, 7 fours. 100: 233 min, 166 balls, 16 fours.

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# Waiting for god with Bob's people

Rastafarians are preparing to celebrate the centenary of the

ita Marley may have been the wife of Rastafarianism's greatest prophet, the late Bob, who was believed to be the reincarnation of the Angel Gabriel, but last week she had a bad dose of Addis Ababa's bubbly tummy. Dressed like a Ghanaian princess in a towering turban of kente cloth and flowing robes, she walked briskly around Sheshemane - the spiritual home of Rastafarians and physical home of the movement's most faithful followers - with a

pained look on her face. Perhaps it was the Herculean concentration required to control bowels with a life of their own which made Mrs Marley look so crestfallen. But this land was special. It was given to the African diaspora by the Rastafarians' living god, Emperor Haile Selassie. Why the apparent lack of interest at a time when Sheshemane is enjoying a new lease of interest from outsiders, and when 1992 could be the year of the second coming of

Jesus Christ? Did she not realise that this scruffy little town is home to the most committed Rastafarians she is ever likely

Perhaps she did, and it was this that made her uncomfortable, for there is a yawning gap between Rastaconsciousness offshoot of reggae music, and the dirty realities of trying to build the promised land in the Third

Rastafarians Local thought she might have taktheir efforts. Surely the wife of Bob, mother of Ziggy, would be interested to see how

Sheshemane's inhabitants were paving the way for their dispossessed brethren to return to Mother Africa? But she swiftly shook the Sheshemane dust from her feet to return to the five-star haven of Addis Ababa's Ghion Hotel, promising to return three days later. She didn't

"We was hopin' she stay a little longer. But no matter. We happy," shrugged Noel Dyer, who came to Sheshemane 27 years ago. Having first flown to Britain from Jamaica he hitch-hiked to Ethiopia through France, Morocco, the Sahara, Egypt and the Sudan with nothing but his wits and faith to keep him going. He is now the oldest member of the Sheshemane Rastafarian community, which ekes out a subsistence living on the northern edge of Sheshemane town, about 180 miles south of the

Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. In the early 1960s, Selassie gave 500 hectares near Sheshemane to the Ethiopian World Federation, a group set up in the 1930s to keep the Diaspora in touch with the continent. He was modestly embarrassed and sheepish at the devotion shown to him by the descendants of African slaves, but impressed by

their desire to return to the only uncolonised country in Africa, and anxious to show gratitude for relief supplies sent to Ethiopia during the

Sheshemane — such as Anthony Ruben Desai, a Jamaican who - Mr Dver was used to seeing how Africa as the Garden of Eden.

The 50-odd permanent Rasta-

and we have higher standards. When we and proper sewerage'

the federation. They insisted that their humble believe would one day soon return to the dark continent. But first they

black beetle buzzed clumsily past Aswad's eyebrows. "Uuh. See what I mean?" he cried, flailing the air as if to beat off a swarm of hornets above his dreadlocks.

A city boy, he was having a hard time getting to grips with the creepy-crawlies. Two weeks earlier Ras Aswad (Amharic for "black prince") and three churns from Brum, all in their twenties, had stuffed a trunk with enough Rice Crispies and Weetabix for three months and set off Sheshemane, Masai, a textile designer, had been before. He prepared the group to cope with the African cuisine — but nothing had

them: "Disgustin'." Aswad, C.J., Masai, and Kamba, four Young Turks of the Rastafarian movement, were disappointed at the slow pace of development in Sheshemane, which has been in Rastafarian hands since the 1960s but remains rooted in pre-

prepared them for the lavatories. Aswad blanched at the thought of

industrial Africa. The Rastafarians living there are almost indistinguishable from the other locals as they tend their gardens and maize fields on the fertile soil of the Rift Valley escarpment, Along with B.J. they dreamed of a as a model for repatriation programmes that would catch on in other parts of the

> Walking through Sheshemane's market, where the air is thick with diesel smoke from semi-derelict buses and ing fruit, the locals swiftly pegged the Birmingham

not Africans but ferengi (foreigners). They were juicy victims for the howling hawkers, tinkers and stall holders shoving sandals made from old tyres, pungent spices, zips. padlocks, and second-hand plastic ierrycans in their faces.

'It was just like being a reporter on one of those TV documentaries or a film about being a war correspondent," said C.J., still wide-eyed. None the less, the likely lads from Birmingham were determined to be undaunted by Africa. If C.J. had anything to do with it, the promised land would be air-

"We're not interested in going backwards, you know. We're from the West and we have higher standards. When we come to settle here we want to have videos, TV. fridges, running water and proper sewerage. We might do a bit of agriculture but we will build factories, generate employment for the locals, and enjoy a proper standard of living, like we're used to.

'Africa awaits its creators," said C.J., who was ten years old when Margaret Thatcher was first elected prime minister and runs a successful welding business in his home town. The slow pace in

On top of that, the end of the Sheshemane has quickened with the arrival of the Brummie Rastafarians, who took a crafts-

incongruously well-built structure surrounded by barbed wire, shacks and mud huts, thanks largely to their no-nonsense approach to Third World development You have to watch them closely

you know. These Ethiopians are a bit lazy and stop as soon as you go around the corner. But they learn fast," C.J. said.

the remains of the murdered emperor are sched-

world might be nigh and preparations must be made. According to the Rastafarian interpretation of don is just around the corner. They are nothing if not theologically

"We have entered the endgame. The whole world will be engulfed hy flame and nothing will survive. except in the Rift Valley, which will be protected from the poison winds I read that in a scientific paper. said Desmond cheerfully through a cloud of smoke in his newly built house.

B.J., a sublimely gentle, greybearded man whose house and garden on the main road to Addis are always filled with other people's children, added: "You see, the signs seem to be here. We have been told that there will be war, and rumour of war." There would be earthquakes in diverse places, an acceleration of natural disasters. Rahab (America), Babylon (Britain), Gog (Russia) and MeGog (Germany) would disintegrate, or poison themselves and their environment.

emane in the 1970s from Jamaica. is that "there won't be no flies in the get rid of them - I gonna ask him". Concurrent to Armageddon will be the second coming, or the return of Selassie, whom Rastafarians call Ras Tefari (Head of All). Selassie was last seen alive in 1974 by

The good news, according to

Desmond, who came to Shesh-

Mengistu and six accomplices before they suffocated the S3-year-old emperor with a pillow soaked in ether and then hid his body

Neighbourly: C.J., a Rastafarian from Birmingham, cools off in Sheshemane with local children. "Africa awaits its creator," he says

"We expect a heavenly manifestation. We expect Christ to descend from the clouds with all the heavenly hosts. There won't be no bogus Saviour to get past us because he is going to look exactly like he does in his pictures from before," said B.J.

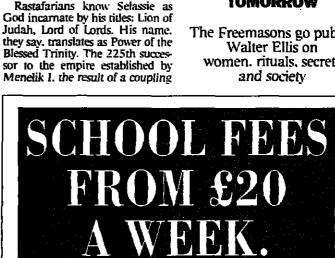
Rastafarians know Selassie as God incarnate by his titles: Lion of Judah, Lord of Lords, His name. they say, translates as Power of the Blessed Trinity. The 225th successor to the empire established by

between the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon, he is a direct descendant of King David.

and like His Majesty born in the month of Judah - that's July," explained Anthony Desai, while he guned and scaled fish outside his hut. He expects to see the saviour in his lifetime — possibly this year.

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The Freemasons go public: Walter Ellis on women, rituals, secrets



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# In Sheshemane, Ethiopia, Sam Kiley sees how resident

birth of their saviour, and his return to the promised land

Italian occupation of 1935-1940. Now just 11 hectares of that territory remain in Rastafarian hands. The rest has been eaten up by Ethiopia's most numerous tribe. the land-hungry Oromos, with the help of Ethiopia's former dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam, who fled to exile in Zimbabwe last year. Some Rastafarians are planning a campaign to get their land grant

Along with other long-timers in arrived in 1976, his friends Desmond and Daniel and B.J. Moody the territory was often a disappointment to those with a naïve view of

farian residents of Sheshemane have survived the coup that toppled Selassie, the "red terror" that came with Mengistu's revolution in the

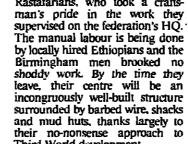
'We're from the West come to settle here we want to have videos, TV, fridges, running water

1970s, and the end of the civil war Rastafarians for what they were, that drove him from power last year. Since then, while other tribes: were driven from Sheshemane in tribal clashes with the Oromo, the Rastafarians have survived untouched. Scores of their neighbours were driven from their burning homes and killed.

They have got through by practising what they preach: brotherly love. They are the least evangelical. crazy and uptight religious fanatics one could hope to meet.

The younger generation, however, are less laid-back. And Mrs Marley's lightning visit was a special puzzle to four Rastafarians from Birmingham who had come to help build a Sheshemane headquarters for the Ethiopian World Federation. They had saved up and were paying their own way while they built a village-style hall and collection of offices and small bunkhouses from materials funded by

start would build a future for thousands, if not millions, of people of African slave descent whom they had to get used to Africa



uled to be given a traditional Orthodox Coptic burial in Addis Trinity Church on July 23, the centenary of his birth. The staunchly royalist Amhara tribe is anxiously looking forward to the event and the possibility of the return of the Menelik dynasty to Ethiopia. But the Rastafarians, while also keen on the re-establishment of the dynasty in Ethiopia, are distancing themselves from the funeral, as they believe the emperor is not dead and are planning a celebration of Selassie's birth. Thousands are expected to arrive in Addis and

Sheshemane, so time is of the

# The ghosts of the great no longer scare

hen I was in my mid-thirries. I made a deal with a man who was in his mid-eighties. We were reading a final draft of a contract, about to sign, when I noticed a troubling omission in the clauses.

Part of a second "I don't like to say this." I said. but this contract makes no provi-Sion for the outcome of the work or of payment in the event of ... ahem, a death." "Oh," he said, suddenly alarmed

and squinting at the draft. "Well. we'd better cover that: I suppose the position must be that, if you die, the terms of the agreement become the responsibility of your estate." It wasn't my death I

WUTTYING about." I said. "Ah:" he said, cottoning on. "But I'm in the fortunate position of being the employer, and your death would be a much bigger disaster for me and this contract than would

This scene played again last week. My widowed mother, who is 6, was staying here for a few days. We were discussing the arrangement we both want to make which Bergers ge tweiftener bis will bring her to live closer to me. Kent traumph to We turned our plan around and pulled it apart, put it back together again and jumped up and down on ito test its strength and then I said: is there anything wrong with the

idea so far as you can see?" "The only thing that worries me," she said, "is what I'll do if anything happens to you."

"What kind of anything is on your mind?"

Well, she said, "you know..." They've got some nerve, these septua and octagenarians. Maybe it's because they've got age on their side. The laws of nature and of actuarial calculations seem to turn to the advantage of those who live every day suspecting that it may be their last. They know that it can't be very long before that distinguished thing comes at last, whether it snaps into shape in the next ten minutes or takes ten years to materialise. Those in middle-age are open to a wider perspective of uncertainty. We are at an age when we must recognise that it might come for us in the next ten minutes. in a cranial eruption or an arterial gridlock. Or it might go on hanging around in the wings for another

Woody Allen's screen persona is always moaning and whining that it's impossible to take pleasure in being alive when you know that you must eventually die. I don't think it's that certainty which spoils the party for the middle-aged. We have come to terms with the general proposition and the essential facts:

MID LIFE

**Neil Lyndon** decides it is not too late to make his mark on the world



we know that we are going to go some day. But when? That's the main question of our age.

Knowing not the hour shouldn't much bother anybody under the age of 30: they know that, whenever death might come, it's not going to happen in this millennium. Dance on. Anybody over 70 lives with the daily understanding that it could happen any second, so, again, why worry? Those in the fretful middle may find themselves wishing, as I do, for an intimate word with the Fat Controller of the universal timetable, saying: C'mon, make an exception and give me a clue. I shan't tell."

If you knew how long it was going to be, you could make a proper plan, sign contracts with confidence. make binding agreements for definite periods. You would know whether you are wasting your time looking at seed catalogues for next year's annuals or considering the building of a boat on which to sail around the world. Should the urgent business of today be the paying of the gas bill or the settling of final accounts with the Almights? A little less uncertainty on this question would take

It will come soon. Stretched to the limits of plausibility as the thought may be, it is even possible that, at the age of 45, I may still be fractionally nearer to the beginning than the end. At some point during the next few years that kidding will simply have to stop. By the time you clock 50, you really do know the matter of fact.

After that point, as the perspective of uncertainty narrows fast. new beginnings may become sufficient to themselves. A new romance is not likely to produce a new

family. You might start a new business but it is unlikely to become a global empire. You may learn a new game but you must not expect to be seen on Grandstand representing your country. Sorry, baby. If you are going to begin anything. you may have to be satisfied with the thought that the end may be in the beginning.

The arrival of that limited revelation may be taken as a benevolent intercession. I can feel it coming on. For 15 years, from my early twenties. I cheered myself with the thought that, while I had never written a serious word of fiction. others had made later beginnings. I would remind the house that Joseph Conrad didn't get started on his writing career until he was 37. After the death of that comfort in my late thirties, I turned to Stend: reminding everyone that he had not hit the stride of his fictional work until he was in his mid-forties. Now that I have passed the Stendai 1 post, the greats are all gone, taking with them their intimidating and inhibiting stan-

dards of comparison. The age of the great first novel being over, no ghosts, ghoulies or shades stand between me and that small beginning which could be made without fear. What I need now is a contract.

Aine 20 bringing the London premiere of Biku, the new ocera about the life of Steve Bik or Firenica Studios - Frokso Opera in British's Turn of the Screw chilan Baylo Theares, Micho Tineatre London's new production of Chiderella, commissioned by the Vietna Festival (Royalto Theares) and much more Barbican Hall Say Street, London 802 (071-638 8391), 7 45pm. RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: The company stops are in Bristol this week prior to the London season at the Royalty Theatre from June 16. Programme One features dancer Mark Baldwan s Inst Work, land to bland and Srobhan Davier's 19-institute Cotton with Blues, a piece for ten dancers, set to part of the Bristol to receive from the sound of tentile mills turning, On Briddy Programme Two introduces Alexania. Programme Two introduces Alston's Car's Eye, a 20-second creation dedicated to the company's former chairman Adnah Ward-Jadrson, together with Laune Booth's semiimprovised piece. Completel, Birdland Bristol Old Vic. (Ling Street, Bristol (0272 250250), ronight-Sat, 7,30pm NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: The company continues to tour with the new production of Swan Lake. choreographed by American Denris Wa;ne, designed by Lez Brotherston, and directed by Christopher Gable, w has a fine eye for dramatic detail

☐ THE ALCHEMIST: Dand Bradley and Jonathan Hyde rambly comming the town in Sam Mendes's very lumny production of Jonson's same. Barbican, Sili Street, ECZ (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm, 135mins. ☐ THE BLUE ANGEL: I'elly Hunter and into ocating staging: engel of desire becomes the demon of destruction. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Sar, 7,30pm, mars Wed, Sat, 3pm, 150mms DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And L! DEATH AND THE MADDEN: Anel Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Geraldine James and Paul Freeman now join Michael Byrne Duke of York's, 5t Martin's Lane, WC2 1071-836 51221 Mon-Sat, 8pm, mais Thurs, 3om, Sat, 4pm, 120mins ☐ THE FASTEST CLOCK IN THE.

UNIVERSE: Most eccentric black fance
by Philip Rolley, with characters named
Fortiot, Dating and Shetbert Gravel
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre,
NV/3 (071-722 9201) Mon-Sat, 8pm,

mat Sat, 4pm 120mins. Extended to ☐ THE GHOST SONATA: Strindberg's weste vision of human greed becomes : fascinating evening of grotesquerie in this Sturdy Beggars production.

New End. 27 New End, NVV3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

E HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul 21 mbM bridge, Houses Aredgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England drama Theatre Royal, Haymarher, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm, 225mms

☐ IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR: irresistibly dance-worthy excasion of the pays of Skitles soul music Philip Ryan's 1987 script has been rewritten for kyan 5 1907 Support tab dearn resonant in 4 Young Vic company on top form. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, 551 (071-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mrt Sat, 2.30pm 165mus. (During June, two bidets for the price of one.) LOVE IN A BOTTLE: Joyously sexy adaptation of Farquhar's first play, acted with panache by Dubin-based Rough Magic company. Tricycle, 269 Filbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins

**NEW RELEASES** 

DOUBLE X (15) Return of the bad Brush B movie a dismal tale of dishonour among theves, William Katt, Norman Wisdom (playing straight), director, Shari S Grewal MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636)

THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15) Bland but good-natured tale of a black rock in roll group's American journey. Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Wright, Tico Wells. Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

◆ THE LAWNMOWER MAN (15) simpleton (left fahey) into a cyber-monster. New technology jamboree laid low by a muddled script. From a Stephen Fing story; director, Brett

Canden Parkway (071-267 7034)
MGM Chelses (071-352 5096)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 915683)
Marble Arch (0426 915683)
Marble Arch (0426 914501) UCI

Whiteleys (071-792 3332) THE PLAYBOYS (12), Love and genlouse in an high willage in 1957 Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quient, but too much blarney Director, Gilles

Маскиппол Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) RUSH (18) Narcotics agents become addited Forceful treatment of unpromising material from first-time director Ltl Fini Zanuct, Jason Patric,

drector Lit run Lamuur, Jacobi lennifer Jason Leigh Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-970 2636: MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 61-85: UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

SPLIT SECOND (18) Rutger Hauer stijb sim occult-enhanced senal Liller

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre, Woking (0483 761144); tonight-Sat, 8pm mats Wed, Sat, 2000

ALUSH SHIMA: After introducing to Britain a number of leading Russian action, Poy artists in the academic tradition, Roy Miles breats new ground in his summer show by turning the searchight elsewhere in the former Eastern Bloc, to Altama. Stima, who graduated from the Altamia Academy in 1965, is well worth discovering his brilliant Post-lingressionist colours are held in check by the disciplines of masterly chaughternanship. Also older favournes, such as Konstantin Lomalin, the "Russian Degas" (he specializes in ballennas too).

Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Brutor Street, London W1 (071-495 4747) Mon-Fri, 10am-Spirr, Sar, Sam-1pm, until July 9 TWENTY YEARS OF EXHIBITIONS: It is now not 20 years since the RIBA opened the Heinz Gallery and during that arms there have been 94 exhibition many drawn from their own substancial holdings of architectural drawings, as Well as visiting shows of high quality. The 95th offers a retrospective glance at the work of the gallery, and a guid rundown on acquistions of the last ten years. **Heinz Gallery**, 21 Portman Square,

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

C MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW: Derek Jacobi presents winsome, sanitised Byron. Only for dedicated followers of Jacobi. Ambassador's, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111) Mon-Sat, 3pm, mat Wed, Sat, 3pm 135mins

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Li A MUDSONAINE NIGHT'S DREAMS IN Talbor's jolly production, full of rough and tumble and evergreen comedy. Directale Landen plays Bottom Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat bromorrow, 2 30pm 155mms, As You Like it opens on lune 17, Lady 8e Good opens on lule 28.

☐ MOBY DICK: A girls' school purs on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat. John 135 purs.

ETHE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Alfred Molina and a superb Eleen Adviss in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual repression National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2 15pm and 7,30pm, 180mms. THE RECRUITING OFFICER:

Nicholas Hytner's good-natured production, rather too good to be true production, rainer to good to be that to the play's deriver content. National (Offivier), South Bank, SET (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7 15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mms.

THE RULES OF THE GAME: Richard Griffiths and Nicola Pagett in Prandello's sandonic study of mantal revenge; not as sulphurous as it could be but still a gripping drama Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat Epm, mat Sat, 4pm. [] A SLIP OF THE TONGUE: A wolfish John Malicouch in a lightweight drama

Sat, 8pm, mar Sat, 2 30pm that seems to equate East-European dissidence with getting girls into bed Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Thurs, 8pm

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Mortserrat Caballe, who is in London for the Royal Opera's new production of #

are neyar opens in new production of aggregation in aggregation of a galaconcert which also features the Russian virtuos prainst Niriolal Demidentio, Andrew Constanting, the recent winner of the

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Donarela Fick Conducting
Competition, will conduct the
programme the Willow song "Inom
Creito, Tichai ousty's fantasy overture,
Romeo and Juliec, Rachmanimos's
Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini and
Prokofies's Fifth Symphony
Fastival Half, South Bank, London SE1
1071-638 3891), 7.30pm.

GREENWICH FESTIVAL: Evelyn Glenzue joins the Guildhall String Ensemble for Panufnik's Concerto for

Ensemble for Harunni, S. Concerto for Impan, percussion and strings (with Martin Gibson on timpan). The orbystamine also includes Mendelscoh String Symphony No.4, Bach's Ricercare, Dioba's Nortumb and

Tchail ovsky's Serenade Royal Naval College Chapel, King William Wall , London SE10 (Festival

Office, 081-317 86871, 7.30pm.

METAMORPHOSIS: Following

METAMORPHOSIS: Following a successful West Midlands tour. Birmingham Rep revives its production of Metamorphosis: Kaffa's play on rejection, social prejudice and misunderstanding is given in Steven Berkoff's dark-humoured adaptation Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London US (071-67), 27564. Country, 1984-1985, 173-673, 27564. Country, 1985-1986, 175-673, 27564. Country, 1985-1986, 175-673, 275-673, 275-674, 1985-1986, 175-673, 275-674, 1985-1986, 175-674, 1985-1986, 175-674, 1985-1986, 175-674, 1985-1986, 175-674, 1985-1986, 1985-1

Fn, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8.30pm 150mins ☐ SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lui ewarm. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the him. Prince Edward. Old Compton Street, V1 (071-734 8951), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 165m/rs.

☐ STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy about a doting mother's womes, notably her gay son Wyndham's, Chaung Cross Road, WC2 (071-857 1116), Mon-Sar, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sar, 5pm, 130mins

**E** A WOMAN KILLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Sashia Reeves in an Escabethan domestic tragedy paol ed with telling details. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Toroght, 7 30pm

LONG RUNNERS: Z Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)

Blood Brothers: Phoeno (071-867 1044). Buddy: Victora Palace (071-843 1317) Z Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) Carten Jones: Old Vic (071-836 6404). Danting at Lughnasa: Garici (071-494 5085) Don't Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-494 5070). An Evening With Gary Lineker: Duchess (071-494 5075). Good Rodkirt Tonite: Playhouse (071-494 5075). Good Rodkirt Tonite: Playhouse (071-839 4401). Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palachum (071-494 5037). Me and My Girt: Adelpin (071-836 7611) Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 5009). Miss Saligon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400)

The Mousetage: St Martin's (071-836 1443). The Phantom of the Noyal Duty Care (0/1-394 5400)

The Mousetrap: St Marin's (0/1-836 1443)

The Phantom of the Opera: Her Magesty's (0/1-394 5400)

Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (0/1-379 5299). 

**CINEMA GUIDE** 

âeoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the syr on release across the country

through London, Mindless, derivative and dull Director, Tony Maylam MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310). ◆ TURTLE BEACH (15) Inumakst ◆ TURTLE BEACH 15: Iournalist investigates the fate of Vietnamese boat people in Malaysia Dull adaptation of a popular Australian novel Greta Scacchi, Ioan Chen; director, Stephen Wallace, MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-636 0310) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE ADJUSTER (18) Atom Egoven's The Abboster (13) Alontegoyans usual tale of voyeumsm, fantasy and displaced persons; visually seductive but hollow. Elias kotias, Arsinée Khanjian, Metro (071–437 0757)

 BASIC INSTINCT (18): San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a Director, Paul Verhoeven. Barbican (07 I-636 8891) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelsea

Street (071-935 97.72) MGM Chelses (071-352 5096) MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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THEATRE

# The truth, whole and ambiguous

IRELAND comes to Islington, not for the first time. The cramped restauranttheatre club behind the pub in Upper Street (Islington Council's insistence on fixed seating now traps the diners in pain and intimacy) hosts a cast of 14 and a splendidly solid set. Nigel Hook's design gives us two fully-furnished rooms in the house attached to the village general stores that young Gar shares with his father and the housekeeper Madge.

The eve of Gar's emigration to America finds him in the expected emotional termoil: nostalgia, regret, anger, apprehension. Brian Friel's first big success, dating from 1964, splits the protagonists into two, the public and the private. The latter, invisible to the other characters, part conscience, part guardian angel, part mischiefmaker, provides a counterpoint of truth to the public Gar's politeness, reticence and inhibitions.

These last few hours in Ireland are filled with memories, fantasies and visitors: the teacher with a weakness for the bottle who may have loved Gar's dead mother; the priest whose predictable remarks Gar's alter-ego anticipates, word for word; the footballing and drinking companions given to the sexual boasting of the virginal (this is rural Ireland, after all). Above all there

PLAYWRIGHTS before now have

tested the ingenuity of their designers

by asking for a pool of water to be

included on the set. Richard Cameron

goes further. Two of his young York-

shire men and a girl stand fishing at

the side of a pond, threading their lines

and casting ground bait onto the water

that spreads across a third of the stage:

and then the girl catches a 15lb carp.

Her line goes taut, the rod bends and

out of the dark water comes this flapping, pink, muscular fish, strug-gling in Trevor's arms in the most

believable manner before being re-

turned to the water and sinking slowly

For someone like me, with absolutely

no interest in angling, the landing of

the fish was fascinating, in the context

of the play because this rapturous

achievement would clearly be the

purist moment of pleasure in the

INSTRUMENTS, rather than their

players, rarely make European tours. But the Beethoven Broadwood

fortepiano is no ordinary instrument.

It is the one given the composer by

Thomas Broadwood in 1817, and

which passed, after Beethoven's death.

to Liszt. Since the late 19th century it

has languished in Hungary's National

Museum in Budapest, where until

recently the appropriate materials have

not been available to halt its

ment by David Winston, and its tour to

Vienna, Bonn, Bath and London. The

fortepiano was played by Melvyn Tan

in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 in

G at the Barbican Hall on Saturday

night with the London Classical

Ironically, the Broadwood was not

Reethoven's favoured instrument. Its

WITH a successful career of 20 years

and 15 albums with the same com-

pany, Joan Armatrading is proof that

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exclusively upon the constantly crum-

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has tracks which could easily substitute

for those that made her name in the

Seventies. Each has a strong musical

idea, carefully arranged to underline

lyrics that are simple, direct and often

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is the household's photal relationship: the old father crustily incapable of articulating affection, and Madge, selflessly devoting herself to other

ocoole's families. Friel excels in the ambiguities of relationships. Gar looks in vain for depth or sensitivity in his drunken cronies' farewells, almost finds it in the clumsily proffered gift of a leather belt; and is disillusioned when this apparently spontaneous gathering turns out to have been secretly organised by Madge.

He cherishes the half-imagined rec-ollection of a moment of childhood closeness with his father, only to meet with blank incomprehension from the old man - whose own tender memories can only be voiced to the house keeper. Eamon Kelly portrays the father's frozen self-absorption and stolid unimaginativeness cracking into vulnerability and loneliness.

The awkward loose ends and unspoken iceberg depths of human communication are suggested with the gentle



Praying: the public Gar (Jonathan Arun) and Madge (Pauline Delany)

humour and unjudging compassion that have become Friel's trademarks. Pauline Delany's dour, loving Madge and Valerie Hermanni as Gar's Americanised aunt - a wonderful mixture of the maudlin, the ridiculous and the genuinely touching - typify

the author's affectionate observation. The two faces of Gar's character are finely drawn by Jonathan Anin Ipublie) and Brendan Coyle (the sardonic private self). Dan Crawford directs.

MARTIN HOYLE

**THEATRE** 

### **Haul of diverse talents**

Pond Life

young girl's life, and in the more specific context of Simon

Usher's production because of the baffling ingenuity of its staging. The girl, Pogo, is "backward": only slightly but sufficiently so to be trailing behind her fellows as they negotiate the hazards of their teens. A sensitive performance by Joanna Robinson conveys the wistful trust of the character, and the artless bravery of her adoration of the older Trevor (Richard Standing), quaintly knocking on his knees, as if on a closed door, when she

needs to tell him something important.

The across also manages to impart a stricken and inward

turning attention to the doubts that savage the girl's self

Just as in a fish pond, the inhabitants of Cameron's play swim into our ken for a while and disappear. Most of the crises between them happen in the gaps between the scenes but can be inferred from what we do see of the bullying, the posturing, the comical despondency. Malcolm (James Hooton) is loopily besotted by Trevor's sister and tries to communicate by astral

projection when she is alone in her room. Sure enough, his doleful face appears in her bedroom mirror, mouthing declarations of his cternal devotion, and these moments are both absurd and touching.

For Cameron never patronises his young characters. His senses their restlessness in a village where the chipshop is the social centre and no enthusiasm can hold their attention for very long. The good-natured Trevor has his fishing but it is not enough to stop him moving away to Doncaster. Usher draws rounded performances from his youthful east, and Anthony Lamble's set, where the wall of a garden shed folds in to make room for an unfolding bedroom, and of course the pond, solves the space problem with a satisfying elegance.

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### **Keys and cantatas**

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essentially English qualities have been faithfully restored by Winston, but Beethoven is known to have preferred the One of the happy spin-offs from the clear, gentle tone of

crumbling of the Berlin Wall, however, Austrian and Gersurprise, for even the comparatively robust tone of the Broadwood is hard put to match the volume of a full Classical orchestra.

But Norrington was as sympathetic an accompanist as ever, tailoring the orchestra's phrases immaculately and folding them into those of the solo part. Tan was also his usual inimitable self.

squeezing the last sensuous drop out of each phrase and oozing musicality from every flamboyant fibre of his body. One of the most

incomprehensibly has been the restoration of the instru- man models. That is in some ways a neglected areas of the Baroque repertory is the treasure trove of church cantatas by J.S. Bach. Seventeen of these glorious works are currently being presented by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment at the QEH in a series, devised by William Glock, called "Bach: The Colourful Drama-

> tist" Nicholas Anderson, who, in his work

at the BBC, has done more than anyone to make Bach's cantatas more widely known, discoursed knowledgeably on their imagery and drama in a pre-concert talk last week, before those qualities were given vibrant expression in the first of the two evenings conducted by René Jacobs.

Jacobs knows just how to realise the dramatic potential in such works as Cantata No 61 ("Nun komm. der Heiden Heiland") or 140 ("Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme") while keeping within the stylistic limits. His instrumental lines dance and sing. buoyed up by a rhythmic energy that propels each movement unstoppably from the opening upbeat to the final fermata.

The Choir of the Enlightenment and an impressive roster of soloists have two concerts to give (June 17, 23). No lover of Bach should miss them.

ROCK

# All she needs is love

tion" ("I am not in love/But I'm open to persuasion"), a hit in

Joan Armatrading UEA, Norwich

She is as unflashy a performer as she

is unpretentious a writer. Onstage at the University of East Anglia, in a blue silk shirt and dark suit. surrounded by five male musicians in anonymous black, she packed nearly two-dozen songs into two hours. In mixing the new with the old, she gave a tour of her various musical styles. Folk-rock jostled with cocktail jazz, a bluesy organ with a

strummed guitar, a calypso beat with a soul strut. Her strong, deep voice. with its ability to swoop into a higher

arrangement. Only twice did her judgement seem to slip. She indulged her efficiently talented sidemen with one solo too many. Some memories of the Seventies are best not recalled. What also jarred was one new song:

register, was carefully moulded to each

"If Women Ruled the World" ("It

BARRY MILLINGTON would be a good thing"). The problem lay not in the sentiments, but in the way it burst the bubble of private emotions which Joan Armatrading inhabits. The anonymous "you" and the vague "I" of her best songs turn them into private anthems, well demonstrated by the restrained, tuneful communal singing of "Willow". Her admirers prefer to follow Joan Armatrading to the bedroom, not the barricades. She is most convincing in the world of "Me Myself I", where love and its repercussions are the main causes of change. For songs such as this, there will still be an ageing lovesick audience in 20 years' time.

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# Not averse to scanning new lines

octry is flourishing. Not only has it been reborn as a popular literary or oral tradition, it is also buoyant in commercial terms. Look at the evidence: in publishers' catalogues and festival programmes, in bookshops and on bestseller lists, in reading rooms and the back of pubs, in underground presses and even on the Underground. But perhaps it is on television and radio that the most striking instances of poetry's newfound pulling-power are found.

BBC 2's six-part poetry documentary series, Words on Film, was launched last week with performance poet Damian Gorman's

Devices of De-tachment, his moving warning against complacency about the violence in his native Ulster. It is followed this Friday by Xanadu: poet and probation officer Simon Armitage's portrait of housing estate in Rochdale

Both these programmes underline today's healthy view of poets as commentators - from a refreshingly edectic range of ethnic and stylistic backgrounds - on matters pertinent to everyday lives. What a happy withdrawal from the depressing and lonely cul-de-sac into which the cryptic poetry of the mid-20th

century seemed to be heading. Meanwhile, a Tyne Tees poetry series, Wordworks, is a candidate for networking to the traditionally unpoetic ITV audience. And Radio 4 has a new poetry series. Stanza, in August, covering such themes as the resurgence of dialect verse, and politics in poetry.

Publishing is taking comparable initiatives. This month, Sinclair-Stevenson launches a new poetry list, at a time when many publishers are cutting their lists back to the more obviously commercial books. Faber & Faber, the pinnacle of poetry publishing even before the days of T.S. Eliot's editorship, is publishing new poetry at 15 times the rate it used to. That is not quite as prodigal as it sounds: Faber's former poetry editor, Craig Raine, published only three new poets in ten years. His successor, Christopher Reid, has now taken on five in his first year of office. These include Simon Armitage, whose new collection. Kid. was turned down by Raine.

Armitage's Xanadu and his first collection, Zoom, are published by the Newcastle-based Bloodaxe Books. Britain's leading independent poetry publisher. It was established in 1978 and now has a £250,000 turnover on its 40 to 50 new books a year. Such specialist poetry publishers as this, and Anvil and Carcanet, started small but now qualify as medium-sized.

One of Bloodaxe's poets, Brendan Kennelly, has topped the bestseller lists in Ireland. Indeed, it is said that farmers in Tralee threatened to burn down the hall he was reading in if they could

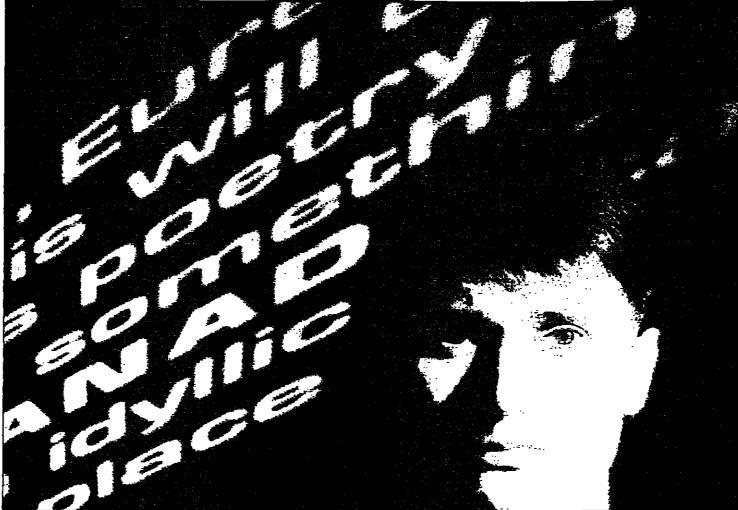
not get tickets. He is a favourite on Irish chat shows and fronts car ads television.

He is not the only poet to be winning widespread popularity. In London last year people were turned away from a sold-out Seamus

in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. In the few months since publication, Wendy Cope's second collection Serious Concerns has sold 28,000 copies. And 100 Poems on the Underground, a volume of poems that fill the ad spaces in tube trains, has sold 40,000 since September.

Poetry magazines are proliferating, from the long-established Poet-ry Review to such publications as Bete Noire, a biannual tome out of Hull: "big enough to kill a burglar with"; but only £2.50. Cabarets thrive (for example, at the Blue Nose Café, the Troubadour, Apples and Snakes and the Hard Edge Club in London alone): and festivals can fill halls when the poet has an international reputation, such as Nicaraguan Ernesto Cardinal at the South Bank or Joseph Brodsky at Hay-on-

Of course it is possible to overestimate the poetry boom. That happened in a spectacular debacle a few years ago when the national "Poetry Live" promotion tried to fill the Albert Hall for a reading by Irina Ratushinskaya, newly released from a Russian labour camp, and other poets. Only 20 per cent of seats were sold, and the resulting debt contributed to the financial troubles which obliged the National Poetry Society to put its Earls Court headquarters



Poet and probation officer: Simon Armitage's Xanadu (BBC 2, Friday, 9.30pm) is about a decaying housing estate in Rochdale

on the market and seek smaller premises in Covent Garden. Moreover, there are signs of contraction as well as expansion: some publishers' poetry lists have been lost (Paladin) or cut back (Chatto, Cape, Secker). And not every poet sells.

ndrew McAllister of Bloodaxe declares, however, that "poetry is healthier than it has been for half a century". He believes that the quality of contemporary writers is exceptional: he claims that Carol Ann Duffy and Sean O'Brien are as good as W.H. Auden, and that such is the level of grassroots creativity in the regions that Huddersfield and Dewsbury vie for the title of "poetry

capital of Europe".

Neil Astley, Bloodaxe's founder, set out to publish an international poetry list. Defying Robert Frost's famous remark that "poetry is what gets lost in translation", he believes that the translated work of foreign writers, notably East Europeans, has influenced young British and American poets, and widened their concerns beyond the lyric and personal.

"A lot of English poetry is about embarrassment; East European poets are writing about ideas, which gets over the barrier of translation," Astley says. "The poems are not so much style as content." Having poetry tackle "issues", has, he believes, also opened up its readership beyond academic circles. So, he thinks, has the new emphasis on performance.

Maura Dooley agrees. She manages the four-year-old Voice Box literary-performance space at the South Bank and its revived biennial Poetry International festival, coming again in September. She also advocates the integration of poetry

with other media to reach new audiences. Her programme has included evenings of dance and poetry, that tempted dance fans into queueing to buy the poems of Roger McGough and Liz Lochhead.

There are those who connect the consolations of poetry with the traumas of a recession. But if there is a growth in the poetry market, it is more likely due to the dedication of a number of individuals towards making more poetry accessible. Availability stimulates interest.

The BBC's adventurousness is largely thanks to the director Peter Symes, whose five television collaborations with the poet Tony Harrison finally persuaded BBC Bristol to give the go-ahead for the Words on Film project, which Symes had been urging for years. At Faber, it is Christopher Reid's enthusiasm that has got his new poets into print.
"I'm like a football manager before the match," says Reid, "I have absurdly high expectations for every poetry book. And what I live for is finding new talent."

Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson, the publisher whose new list will include out-of-print poets of repute, established living poets, new poets and humorous versifiers, sensed the potential for sales around the poetry reading circuit. But he also believes that "you are not a proper publisher unless you have a poetry list."

"Say, Britain, could you ever boast. Three poets in an age at most?" asked Jonathan Swift in 1733. As in other matters, Swift was too pessimistic. No poets today would claim to be anything so grand as Shelley's "unacknowledged legislators of the world. But the multiplicity of voices being heard does suggest that the old rumours about the imminent death of poetry were much exaggerated.

ARTS BRIEF

### London's guest

MARISS JANSONS, the Latvian-born conductor said to be David Mellor's closest friend in the music profession, has been appointed principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic. He succeeds Kurt Masur, who has become music director of the New York Philharmonic, Leningrad-trained Jansons has made his name with the St Petersburg Philharmonic and his own orchestra, the Oslo Philharmonic. He next conducts the London Philhar-monic in November.

### Mine gold

A NEW Lilian Baylis Youth Dance Company is to be formed at Sadler's Wells Theatre as part of the RTZ Corporation's first arts sponsorship. The mining giant has chosen perhaps the least glam-orous side of arts sponsorship; training. Other benficiaries of the £370,000 three-year package are the Royal College of Art, the Royal Academy, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Centre for Young Musicians, £40,000 from the government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme will help pay for a four-day festival at St James's. Piccadilly, featuring the work of sponsored organisations.

### Annie again

THERE'S no business like ancient musicals business. A new production of Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun. by Roger Rediam, will open at the Plymouth Theatre Royal



Kim Criswell: to be Annie

in August, before setting off for London via Birmingham. Edinburgh and Glasgow. In the Ethel Merman role will be a modern-day belter, Kim Criswell.

### Last chance . . .

1S Robert Stephens, a sadeyed knight ruefully contem-plating his own sortish habits. advancing years and chronic childlessness, one of the great Falstaffs? Very likely; but in any case Adrian Noble's brisk. bold production of the two parts of Shakespeare's Henry IV are well worth a visit before they close on Saturday at the Barbican (071-638 8891). The same night also sees the end of David Leveaux's able revival of Ford's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore at the Pit, incest, slaughter and all.

**TELEVISION REVIEW** 



Jolly style? An image from Ged Haney's animated film, The Kings of Siam

# **Mostly top-drawer stuff**

b when television had five minutes to spare they showed us the potter's wheel, or that train hurtling from London to Brighton. Today, we are not let off so lightiv. Last Saturday morning Channel 4 gave us the ultimate adult delicacy, Bon Appent, a Bulgarian cartoon parable about pigswill.

In the short film department, it seems, Channel 4 can supply almost anything. They have scooped up so many adult animations, videos and experimental flings that they now need Ken Livingstone to act as compere and guide. In last night's The Dazzling Image, he stood surrounded by three curious pyramids of books - you spotted, no doubt, Leon Trotsky's My Life - and ushered in five British onslaughts on the body politic.

the first of a seven-part series. They all leave a strong impression of an issue addressed and a point made," he said. Though not always a point well taken: Ivan Unwin's

Lufthansa

of Baroque

Festival

Music

resistible environmental plea. However, John Butler's World Peace Through Free Trade used brevity, impish wit and computer graphics to lampoon a nightmare society run on Thatcherite principles. And Colin Daggitt's Killing Kids. an urgent wail at the number of children in Northern Ireland hit by plastic bullets.

undoubtedly Zygosis, backed by the British Film Institute. which spent a brisk 20 minutes cantering through John Heartfield's life, and investigated modern uses of the artform he pioneered, photomontage. Here was material for a full hour but Gavin Hodge and Tim Morrison juggled facts, images and quizzical analysis with a sorcerer's skill. Taking their cue from Heartfield's anti-Nazi montages, the directors manipulat-

the carcass of a beached toxic whale, made the year's most

pressed its own point home with passion. No potter's wheel, this. The programme's jewel was

ed newsreels to show the murkily shot Toxic, starring ranting Hitler brushing his

> Tonight at 7.30 pm Warsaw Soloists Concerto Vivaldi Four Seasons and

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Telephone, 071-434 4003 or write to the Box Office Assistant fulfithanse Fostival of 27 June St James's Baroque Players - Ivor Bolton Reroque Music St. James's Church 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9FL 30 June Freibuiger Barockercheste teeth, playing with a Yo-Yo, and plucking a chicken: small beer perhaps, beside Heartfield's originals, but they helped generate the film's

nstead of Red Ken and his pyramids of books. Four-Mations UK, Channel 4's wincingly titled Sunday animation series, called up the directors themselves to glue the short films together. Ged Haney, director of The Kings of Siam, appeared before a distorting mirror, telling plangent tales of six-and-a-half years' unremitting toil, and a nightmare blockage over

skeich 254. The Kings of Siam - fairground slamese twins with separate, thwarted ambitions - was couched in a jolly, fauxnaif graphic style that called children's book illustrations to mind. Then came the main attraction: Paul Berry's The Sandman, a fine, anguished nocturne with the camera angles and distortions of German Expressionist cinema, A fearful little boy, all forehead and eyes, walked up winding stairs to bed. Cue the Sand-

stealing the child's eyes. Berry himself, red hair flying upwards, surrounded by dolls, looked scarcely less strange than his creation. This beautifully-made film has proved Berry's passport to Hollywood: he is due to work with Tim Burton, director of Edward Scissorhands, on a Disney cartoon project, Nightmare Before Christmas. Judg-

ing by appearances, they

man, a capering creature with

hooked nose and chin who

ensured bedtime darkness by

should get on very well.

### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Saturday, conducted by Neeme Järvi, we heard one of

this composer's first efforts at

asserting his individuality, a

1968 setting of verses from St

Matthew's Gospel called Cre-

do (not the Creed itself): its

subject matter went bravely

against the grain of Soviet

a different way, as the Lees.

But it has a spiritual core

was a concentrated, atmo-

for the Twentieth Anniversary

Philharmonia Chorus, equal-

ly good in the Part), and the

large array of offstage brass

added to the general noise,

rivalling the vast percussion

But when a man instantly

recognisable as Gennady

Rozhdestvensky strode pur-

posefully into the hall and

declaimed a couple of Lenin's

lines with mock sternness

through a megaphone, we

knew that ridicule - not of

Prokofiev - was the point of

this reading. All this blasted

memories of Richard Stolz-

man's earlier, elegant account

of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto

icv's saner Classical Sympho-

Kent Nagano chose Prokof-

into oblivion.

assertive pianist.

premiere.

orthodoxy.

# When sincerity is not enough

udiences respond posi-tively to orchestral A tively to orchestral music that sounds big". No matter that a piece might delve no deeper than a pinprick; if it sounds difficult. and ends in triumph, it will do. Benjamin Lees's recent Horn Concerto, played for the first time in this country by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under Lorin Maazel at Symphony Hall, Birming-

ham, last Friday, duly obliged. In this work the composer seems too often concerned with filling rather than creating space. Although at the opening attention was drawn by the music's resonances of younger Tippett or Copland. those similarities were superficial and extended only to the shape of an idea, an angular harmonic movement, an orchestral texture. The first movement, a fastish one. ploughed on with often dull rhythmic formulae and with predictable development and



Maazel: dour conducting

an overlong cadenza: its successor, marked "Calmly", obsessively reiterated focal pitches and intervals before the brief finale aroused the audience to its enthusiastic response. William Caballero, a resourceful soloist, deserved the ovation for himself.

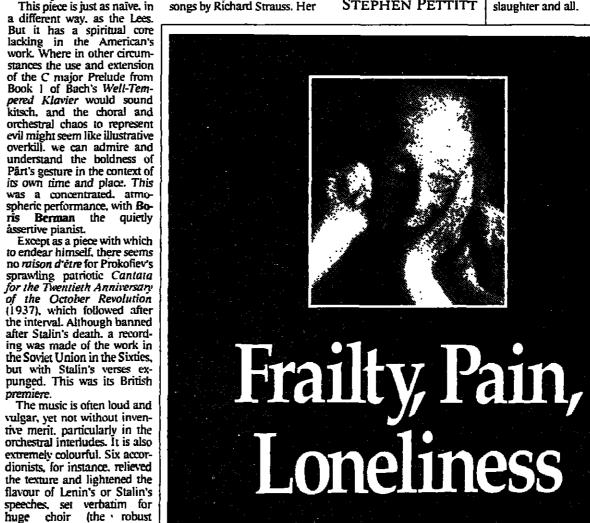
Listening to this piece be-

came rather like enduring the explanations of a particularly "sincere" insurance salesman, and Mazzel's dour conducting of Stravinsky's episodic Le Chani du Rossignol proved a similar kind of experience. Afterwards, however, the tourists gave a more cogent account, with their rich sounding strings and luscious, doubled woodwind, of Dvořák's Sevenih Symphony.

At least Lees means what he says. So does Arvo Part, but as an Estonian living under the Soviet regime he had to fight hard for his spiritual corner. In the Philharmonia Orches-tra's concert of Banned GEOFF BROWN | Music" at the Festival Hall on ny to open his concert with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican last Thursday. His was a neat, sharp reading which cleverly prepared the orchestra for the task of accompanying Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. The diva did not disappoint, either in four concent arias by Mozant or in four

phrasing was superb. Those who left when she did, however, missed a fine account of Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel, in which Nagano captured every nuance of the hero's wicked whims. He is a Straussian to be reckoned with.

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# **Three** into one will go

Are children who sleep with their parents more secure, or less independent?

Barbara Lamb finds a bedside dilemma

he home of Dr William Sears, an American paediatrician, is a modern, two-storey house in a

select suburb of Los Angeles. There are enough bedrooms for all his eight children but a fleeting glance into the Sears' master bedroom in the early hours might suggest that here is a family crammed into a luxury bedsit. For five of them sleep in the same room.

Dr Sears, aged 51, his wife Martha and two-month-old Lauren share a queen-size bed, with three-year-old James and sevenyear-old Matthew on futons alongside. Hayden, now 13, and tenyear-old Erren have graduated into sleeping in their own bedrooms.

Dr Sears is a proponent of the communal bed and 'I get up much the youngest-born accept the sleeping less in the pattern as the norm. Dr Sears, middle of the who emphasises that he and his wife only have one child night and we in bed with them at one time, is conall sleep vinced they have all benefited from it. with the children soundly. He's growing up to be more secure and growing up to independent. He ' has no hesitation in recommending it to be secure and parents for the first two years to create independent' what he describes as "a healthy sleep

He accepted a transatlantic call at 7am, unperturbed by baby Lauren crying in the background. "I think sleeping with your baby is even more important in today's society than it was decades ago. because many working parents just do not have the time to be with their child during the day. It gives them a chance to reconnect with that child in bed at night." They take Lauren to bed when they go. around midnight — she always sleeps on her mother's side, protected by a guard rail so that she cannot roll out of the bed.

fourth child, Hayden, who convinced them that some children do need this special sort of security. "Every time we put her down she'd wake up, sometimes four or five times a night - we took her into bed for survival." He admits to feeling closest to his four youngest and is convinced that Hayden has turned out to be a particularly sensitive and well-balanced girl because of it.

But what does sharing your bed with a baby do for parents? More precisely, what does it do for their sex life? Dr Sears believes that welladjusted parents will find other times and places to be alone. It makes you more creative, he says.

"There is always the fear that it is going to min one's sex life." he admits. "But I find that it makes us more free agents, that the bedroom is not the only place where lovemaking need occur. Every room in the house is a potential love chamber. A baby for the first six months is going to sleep through anything anyway.

John Pearce, a professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at Nottingham University, disagrees with this optimistic view. "One of the problems if the child shares the parents' bed is, where does it sleep?" he says. "If it is between the parents then it is going to be very difficult for them to get together. even for a cuddle. I believe that sometimes the child is put between

the parents to stop sex. Undaunted. Dr Sears and his wife are studying the effect of bedsharing on baby Lauren. For short periods she is encouraged to sleep in the adjoining room. Nightly, they measure her heart rate, pulse rate, breathing regularity and blood oxygenation and are able to

make a direct combetween the two. Their preliminary results physiology im-proves when she sleeps next to them. Although his theories are now gain-ing ground. Dr Sears acknowledges that his views are not shared by child-care experts and he still encounters much opposi-tion. Many thousands of parents, both in Britain and in the States, children according

to the wisdom of

and leave your haby to cry. don't take him or her into bed with you. This is something Dr Sears feels strongly about: "When a parent is standing outside the room wrenching his or her heart out because the book says - let 'em cry; harden your heart; you're spoiling them if you give in - that's going to get a parent into trouble. Many parents fear that if you pick a child up every time it cries, hold it and let it sleep with you, you're going to spoil that child and it will never become independent. That's nonsense. A child becomes independent because it went through that critical time, the first two years, having its needs met, because it was close to its

Benjamin Spock - close the door

CRY-SIS, the London-based national support group for mothers of crying babies, do not recommend the communal bed for the baby under six months for fear of overheating. But James McKenna, a Californian anthropologist, takes the same stance as Dr Sears, seeing infant-parent co-sleeping as very much the norm for parents. Leaving babies to sleep alone for long periods of time in quiet places is both historically and culturally

unique, he says Dr David Haslam, a Cambridgeshire GP, was inundated with letters praising the family bed after publication of his book Sleepless Children. He started doing research into the topic after years of suffering with his own two children. Like Dr Sears, he believes that for the most part the whole family gets a better night's sleep.
"If people want to do it that's



fine." he says. "There is no evidence that it's harmful, except where the parent has taken alcohol or drugs, and there is certainly proof that there are fewer sleep problems in children who bed-share, provided everybody in the set-up is happy. They tend to have less disturbed nights, if they do wake up they feel secure enough to go back to sleep

Weaning the child from the parents' bed back into their own room need not be a problem either. he maintains. "It should be done in positive way - maybe you're grown up enough to have your own room. You sell it to them a bit like the next step in growing up, as something they want to do, not a negative rejection."

> Dr Sears's experience is that children can be "weaned" in this way at around two years of age. There is a transition just like weaning from the breast, you do not do it immediately," he says. "You go from the bed to a futon next to the bed or let the child sleep with a sibling every other night. And then the infant will graduate to its own room. But we leave a futon at the foot of our bed with strict night-time rules that if he or she gets frightened by, say, a storm, he or she can tiptoe in without disturbing us."

Clare and Matthew Downing, who live in Stockport, started sharing their bed with their son. Sean, when he was aged 15 months; at four Sean still sleeps with them, although he starts off in his own room for the first part of the

Regularly around midnight he slips out of his own bed and snuggles in next to his mother for the rest of the night. "It's just a nudge and I move over," Mrs Downing says. "He tends to get in on my side, we've got quite used to it now. I get up much less in the middle of the night and we all sleep soundly. He's growing up to be a very secure, independent, extrovert little boy. I've just accepted it and it's part of the family set-up."

lison Deakin, a health visitor who runs the Shaw Heath Sleep Clinic in Stockport. believes the communal bed works for certain parents. "If a child is having difficulty sleeping I would much prefer the parent got into the infant's bed, it wouldn't be a change of environment. Some parents come to us saying the child in their bed is very active, and is disturbing their sleep. The idea would be gradually to wean the child back into its own bed.

"If an infant is particularly disturbed at night-time and has difficulty settling on its own then it might be better for it to be with the parents. Where it doesn't work is when things are a bit rocky at home and the child is picking up those

Professor Pearce is firmly in the Spock camp. "Children must experience being alone in a safe place like their own room. The light is off, the door is shut, the child is actually alone and being able to cope with that experience is really very important."

He goes on to contradict Dr Sears further by saying that children who sleep in their parents' bed are relatively insecure. He also stresses that sometimes the children are there for the parents' security and not for the child, particularly if one parent is away.

He feels strongly that shared sleeping has nothing whatsoever to offer present-day parents and

"Children have to grow up pretty quickly these days," he argues. While it was maybe appropriate and acceptable in previous generations, that isn't the case today. They have to become independent and you really can't get independence when you sleep in the same bed."

# **Heavenly but** vile bodies

Babies are born with heavenly bodies. Just perfect. Of course, parents like to be sure. A common sight in maternity wards is that of brand new parents unswaddling their brand new infants to check the bits: examine the exquisitely formed ears, stroke the velvety skin, inspect the extremities. audit the tiny starfish fingers, and count the toes that look like miniature cocktail sausages.

We have all done it, taken an inventory of the new arrival, ensuring that it has one of everything that's essential, two of everything that's desirable and ten of everything that's usual. Such a marvel of design and engineering is the new born human child, that its owners cannot help but view and review it

with rapture.
What we do not instantly realise is that the bodywork of this new little body has now become our total responsibility. Not that anyone expects much in the way of personal maintenance in the first couple of years, but the servicing and physical care of their coachwork is our duty for at least the next decade.

Let us start with basic sluicing and sprucing. To begin with, that is relatively easy. True, it is back breaking to bend over a bath tub each night, trying with one hand to support the small, slithery object and with the other to soap it.

shampoo cereal out of its hair, and dissuade it from sucking the flannel. Nevertheless, the daily dunk can be accomplished in a finite amount of time and one is newarded with the divine smell of a clean, talcumed baby, glowing and dozily ready for

When the child becomes mobile,

the whole process is lengthened considerably. Small children want to bathe themselves, insisting on scrubbing parts of themselves and the taps with a toothbrush. proba-bly yours. And while it attempts lengths of the tub in breaststroke and posts bath salts down the overflow, you begin to realise basic de-fects in the body design. How many nooks, crannies and crevices there are which conceal the edible and inedible debris of the day, parts of which soap cannot reach. All this lathering and loofering has to be done amid an armada of plastic ducks and wind-up frogmen.

Up to five, they seem willing enough to be bathed daily. Then they discover other interesting things to do and protest that they are clean enough as they had a bath last week. From five to 11 or so, they see little reason to spend time in the bathroom. After that you get little time to spend in the bathroom because they are always in occupation. Before the teenage years. when their bodies and minds become their own, the broad rule about baths is: boys never want to

get in, girls never want to get out. The body whose ablutions you have carefully supervised is now out of bounds to you. The arrival of new lumps and furry bits means that your children barricade themselves into the privacy of the bathroom. You can only guess from the gritty ring left round the bath and vast quantity of shower gel, unguents and potions consumed that some personal hygiene practices must

have been undertaken. While you're still in charge, you discover that cleansing is merely page one of the maintenance manual. Only professional manicurists excede the score of mothers like myself, obliged to cut 60 nails a week (that's only my own and the fingers and toes of two children). Although no owners' handbook



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is supplied, owning a child is not dissimilar to owning a motorcar Regular checks, inspections and certificates are required. While you are running them in. a health visi-tor will call to assess general development and progress, weigh and measure them. The GP may undertake their six-week test, checking basic physical functions. I don't know whether, if your baby fails it has to go back to being five weeks and re-take the examination.

Later, like the MOT, there are set inspections and servicing processes vaccinations, eyesight tests and a procedure to discover whether they can hear a cup being hir with a spoon behind their backs (a skill for

have still found no You realise how subsequent usel. Most other body checks are down to many nooks the parents: quarterly foot-measurconceal the ing (if you can get away with the same edible and pair of shoes for three months); halfyearly dental checkinedible debris

of the day

the hygienist on the use of floss); the annual height measurement against the bedroom door, which can then never be redecorated.

Hair, too, is a major headache. I have one child who has been to a professional hairdresser only once. Since babyhood, he reckoned to be the sole human who had nerve endings in his hair; he claims he can actually feel pain when it is being trimmed. When he was little. used to trim his hair while he slept. My daughter has long. straight yellow tresses she can almost sit on (thought it is usually her brother who choses to sit on her hair), and that requires hours of brushing, removing clay from school art classes, voehurt from lunch and other items best not identified. Their hair, my responsibility.

ooking after your children's hodies also involves repelling invaders. You cannot imagine when you first hold that seven pounds of perfection in your arms that you will be obliged one day to apply vertuca medicine, hunt for nits, and persuade your husband that he too must be dosed with threadworm powder. Verily, vile

As with the family motor, regular servicing maintains the value, reduces the risk of breakdown - and it always seems to run better when it's been through the car wash and the mais have been vacuumed.

Much is said about the care we must give to the internal, spiritual growth of our children, "the inner child". The idea appeals to most parents: their own vouthful training has taught them about the proximity of cleanliness to virtue. They believe, perhaps mistakenly, that their primary task is to hone and polish up the outer child. Only then, does it seem possible to keep body and soul together.

# When love dares to speak its name

There are three basic reac-tions. "Some swear and curse saying. What have we done to deserve this?': some break down and end up crying with their child, which tends to end up in hugs and kisses: others turn to emotional blackmail: 'Oh my God, if you don't change I'm going to have a heart attack and die"."

Eve Semple-Amert, a disabled 62-year-old mother of three, has run her helpline called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays single-handedly from her council flat in Chingford, Essex, since her daughter Linda. aged 30, told her she was homosexual nine years ago. She quickly realised that there were few people parents could turn to for advice when they discover they have a homosexual child.

Mrs Semple-Amett is only too familiar with the anguished process of self-blaming that many parents go through, thinking that they tailed to bring their children up to be sufficiently "masculine" or

"I think it's a great mistake to jump to that conclusion," she says. because we all know that there are many boys and girls who do not behave in the way that they are expected - boys that don't like games and girls that do - and yet they grow up heterosexual."

She believes that this kind of thinking can lead to rifts between the parents themselves: "They start to think about things like: was my wife too domineering? Was my

If some children face being thrown out of home for homosexuality, no wonder they keep their sexuality secret

husband a wimp?" Some callers

tion", others ask if their children can be "cured". Although Mrs Semple-Arnett experience as worker for the Samaritans had taught her a few things about the world, she missed all the hints about her own daughter's

sexuality. "I'm embarrassed to

think about it now. She was

look to child abuse as an "explana-

working in a gay bookshop and in an antique shop run by two lesbians. "I remember asking her: "They won't make you into a lesbian will they?" She said: 'Mum. you don't make lesbians, they just are"." After Linda finally told her mother

outright she revealed that she had known since she was nine that she was different from other children in some way 'I asked her why she didn't tell me. Mrs Semple-Arnett says, "and she said that I wouldn't have

understood, that I would have thought she was ill or something. and I think she's right."
"When our children are born we bring them up as heterosexual children because we don't know any other way." Mrs Semple-

Arnett says. Many parents still

perceive homosexuality as a "fault".

She has spoken regularly for six years to one woman who still cannot accept her son's homosex-uality. Another woman said she would prefer it if her son had terminal cancer. 'I've come across fathers - and

they seem to take it the worst - who react very badly indeed." she says. "One made his son sit on newspaper because he thought he might infect the family with something. Another packed his son's bags and threw him out — that's all too common I'm afraid." Frank (not his real name), aged

17, one of 30 or so young people attending an evening meeting of the London Gay Teenage Group, was thrown out by his parents eight months ago when he told them he was homosexual.

ow living in care, he is defiant "If they don't want me then I don't need them." But his experience represents the ultimate fear of young homosexuals in sharing their secret with their parents.

Most of those still closeted have a shrewd idea how their parents would react and seem to have good reason to keep quiet: "They'd excommunicate me: claims one 19-year-old boy, "my father says all

gay people should be shot." Many young homosexuals leave the nest early or even run away to

escape these sentiments. Surprisingly perhaps, nearly half of those at the meeting have told their parents with varying degrees of support. The majority found their mothers most adaptive.

"Whenever my mum pops out to the shops there'll be a copy of Gay Times lying on the bed." says Chris. aged 19, "and she has even tried to matchmake me with another gay boy before — sometimes she's almost too much."

Jill did not find it so easy when her 21-year-old son told her: "I didn't want anything to do with him. I didn't even want to hear his name mentioned. I just wanted him to disappear."

Like many parents Jill found that time was her greatest ally. After 18 months she realised that "trying not to love my son wasn't going to work". Five years on she has fully accepted her son's sexuality and, as evidence of how much can change for the troubled parent of a homosexual child, she now runs a parents' support group called Acceptance with her husband which meets monthly in her home town of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

She puts the blame for the parents' distress and isolation squarely on social attitudes: "People think that society's view of homosexuality is very tolerant now.

but in reality people are still very prejudiced against gay people and this makes it extremely difficult for talking to anyone about it."

Aids has intensified that prejudice in many quarters at the same time as increasing the anxiety of parents and hardening the task of coming out for the child.

Paul Fricker, aged 33, the founder and director of the St Peter's House Aids project in Surrey, receives a lot of enquiries on his helpline from worried parents: "The first thing they seem to think of these days is Aids, as if all gay men had Aids.

"I feel extremely sorry for a lot of young people today having to come out in the teeth of prejudice not only against homosexuality but also Aids: I see it as a double burden." Mr Fricker told his mother about

his homosexuality after a long period of illness. Fortunately his fear of rejection was not realised: his mother knew already. She has proved a great source of strength: My mother is insulted in the street because of my involvement in Aids

"I feel so lucky and proud that she accepts me and encourages me in my work. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel.'

MARK SIMPSON Parents and Friends of Lesbians and



Safety in numbers: defying prejudice at a "gay pride" parade

# Walks on the long side

Robin Neillands heads into the Cévennes on the trail of R.L. Stevenson, just one of the

delights of the Grande Randonnée

ix hours after we set out down the Robert Louis Stevenson Trail one of our party fell on his face in the main street of Le Bouchet. This had nothing to do with the local hospitality, six hours across the hills of the southern Velay under the scorehing sun of late summer had brought on heat exhaustion. The following day another member of the group performed the same act in the main square at Pradelles and after that we were going down like ninepins. This introduced us to one of the rules; if you go on a long walk in France you have to anticipate problems like heat and dust and long daily stages. There are, however, a greater number of

Long-distance walks are a way to see the country and get back to

you plan them there is always an element of challenge. In France they have the advantages of good food and reliable south of the Loire and a host of interesting things to see along the way. Even so, it helps to have a

theme or a purpose. The Robert Louis Stevenson Trail, which takes walkers south from Le Monastier in the Velay to the little hill town of St Jean du Gard, aims to follow the route immortalised by Stevenson in his Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes. As long walks go, the trail is not very long (about 120 miles), and will take about ten days of steady plodding on footpaths and mountain tracks through some of the most remote and

beautiful country in France. The thrill comes from following in the tracks of the writer, staying in the places he stayed and meeting the descendants of the people he met a hundred years ago. Walkers are still made welcome at the monastery of Noire Dame des Neiges where Stevenson stayed, and M Senac, who runs the hotel at Goudet, is a descendant of the M Seriac, hotelier and fencing master, who made Stevenson welcome in 1878.

The trail was set up in 1978 to commemorate the centenary of the Scottish writer's walk. Appropriately waymarked with blue and white St Andrew's crosses it winds across the open country of the Massif Central and into the Cévennes south of Florac. It has become one of the most popular long-distance footpaths in Europe, the annual outing for hundreds of committed walkers who go there on private backpacking journeys and in parties organised by specialist holiday companies.

The basis for all long walks in France is the 30,000-mile-long network of the Grande Randonnée, the finest network of walking trails in Europe. These trails can vary in length from 30km to the 605kms of the GR1, the Sentier Tour de l'Ile de France which circles Paris, or the 800kms of the GR65, the Sentier St Jacques, which follows the old Pilgrim Road to Santiago de Composte-la from Le Puy to the Spanish

The GR network began in the middle of the second world war, and has since expanded into every corner of the countryside under the guidance of the Fédération Française de la Randonnée Pédestre (FFRP) and its Comité National de Sentiers de la Grande Randonnée.

The FFRP publishes a series of Topo-guides, which covers all the long distance footpaths of France and is now being translated into English. The Topo-guides do more than simply describe the route with words and 1:50000 scale maps. They explain how to get to the start and provide information on the accommodation, shops, restaurants and attractions to be found en route. If

there is a pretty village, an old castle or a beautiful viewpoint near the route of a French footpath, then the footpath will lead the walker to it and the Topo-guide will provide background information on the area and its history.

Walkers in France are not restricted to footpaths. The old canal towpaths, like the one along the Canal du Midi in

the Languedoc or the Canal du Nivernais, are excellent for walking. flat and well graded. In the "causse" country and the Pyrenees walkers can follow drailles, the old drove roads. along which sheep and cattle were driven to and from summer pasture, though some, such as the Grande Draille de Languedoc, have now been converted into GR trails.

The basic source of information for the GR network is the IGN (Institut Géographique National) map No 903, which illustrates all the GR trails. From this it is easy to make an outline plan for the walk and estimate the degree of difficulty and the equipment required, which can range from shorts and trainers for a spring walk along the Normandy coast to ice axe and crampons for the GR10 along the spine of the Pyrenees anytime outside the hot months of summer. (Walkers heading any where high and remote will need more detailed larger scale maps and a knowledge of compass work.) Spring and autumn are the best months for walking in France, when the weather is cooler and the crowds

The great rule with long-distance walking is not to attempt too much, especially at the start, and to remember that large parts of rural France are remarkably empty of people. This is certainly a boon but it can make it difficult if you run into trouble or out of water.

France is full of classic longdistance walks but the most famous is the Tour de Mont Blanc, a two-week walk round the Mont Blanc massif which begins in Chamonix and runs through France, Switzerland and Italy before returning again to the foot of the Vallee Blanche. This has become very popular and the moun-



Where sheep did safely graze: walkers in the Pyrenees can take advantage of the old drove roads

tain huts that provide most of the accommodation tend to be full in July and August. Wise walkers will take a companion and a small tent.

Less testing is the Tour de la Chalne des Puys, a circular walk running to the east of Clermont-Ferrand and taking in the extinct cones of several volcanos, such as the Puy de Dôme, beautiful towns such as Orcival and spas like Volvic. This fairly short walk of 65 miles will take about a week.

Those who like to take their walks

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spiced with history should try the GR3, the Sentier de la Loire. The Loire is the longest river in France, running for 600 miles from the Ardèche to the Atlantic near Nantes and is closely followed by the GR3

Good long walks are also available in Normandy and Brittany which have the added advantage of proximity for the British walker. The coastal Sentier de Littoral runs right round the cliffs and beaches of western France, often on paths once used by

bookshops at £6.50.

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customs officers on the lookout for smugglers. River valleys often provide a good route for footpaths. The GR2 Sentier de la Seine is another beautiful and interesting walk, especially along the 125km from Richard Lionheart's Château Galliard at Les Andelys to the ferry port at Le Havre, while those who fancy something really long could step onto the GR36 Manche-Pyrenees footpath beside the ferry port at Ouistreham and follow it clear across Normandy or, if you wish, right across France.

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cream and lip salve and lots of pairs

of socks. A walking stick will be a

comfort. In mountain areas an ice

axe can be useful, even in summer.

# Close to our hearths

which is one way of saying that France is a big place. So having decided that you want a property there, the second decision - in some ways more important than all the others you will have to make concerns where to buy. The wrong decision on location is one of the prime causes of disenchantment among Britons who have bought in

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The trouble is that most people scout for property while on holiday. The problem with holidays is that they usually happen only once a year, so we build in to our calculations the cost and time involved in getting there. And we regard the journey as part of the fun.

France.

Once you own a house in France, you will start regarding the journey as a darned nuisance. You will want to minimise it, not least because part of the purpose of ownership is to cut out hotel bills. Little point in owning a holiday nome, if reaching it involves one or two

nights in a hotel. The best starting point I can suggest for choosing the location is that you ney from the French side of the Channel will pass at an average of nearly 100kmh. This represents without having to hire Nigel Mansell and it also assumes roughly half and half mix of motorway and minor road driving. The

latter can drastically affect your speed, and do remember that you are sitting on the "wrong" side of the car, which severely hinders overtaking. So, non-stop, the southern Dordogne would be seven hours from, say, St Malo whereas southern Brittany would take only about two

The difference matters. A night crossing from the UK generally docks at around 6am French time so you have all day to reach your house, but allowing for two stops of an hour each you could still be arriving quite late: our home south of Bergerac is easy to open up but, for the first couple of times, arriving at a dark and unfamiliar house late at night can be depressing.

Day crossings pose a different problem: unless the quick Dover-Calais route is convenient (and even that involves extra mileage on the French side to most destinations), you will arrive in France early evening. Do you drive through much of the night and sleep it off next day or put in an overnight stop?

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ten aircraft, but few French airfields are directly reachable from British provincial airports. By all means check out flying, but the total time saving may not be great and household goods cheaper in Britain, you will want the car early days of ownership.

If you are moving to France for good weather, be realistic: summer is extended in the Loire valley and the Dor-dogne, but neither area has abolished winter. It snowed in our hamlet last year and frost is far from uncommon. The lush vegetation is part of the Dordogne's attraction, but bear in mind that the colour green is manufactured by

But there is no question that



even southern Brittany has a better climate than Britain, and further south you will be unlucky to hit bad weather on more than a few days each month from May to September. For all the publicity about English expat communities, I still regard the Dordogne and the Lot-et-Garonne to its south as the areas worth the most serious consideration, with the Loire Valley a close third (and only three to four hours from the Channel ports).

PETER BARNARD NEXT WEEK: What to buy

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# **Dining via SeaCat**

Robin Young

explores restaurants around Boulogne, destination of this

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ed well in advance. Readers

taking advantage of the Times offer of half-price travel from Folkestone to Boulogne on Hoverspeed's SeaCat catamaran (details below) might be interested in my recent pertaurants in the Boulogne area. The best news is that the Atlantic at Wirnereux, five minutes from Boulogne and only 18 miles from Calais, has experienced a renaissance over the past couple of years, resuscitated by Aron and Ma-

rie-France Misan, formerly the owners of Keats restaurant in Hampstead, London. The Misans have recruited a gifted and ambitious young chef, Alain Morville, whose mems at FFr110 and 190 (children's



Boulogne cathedral

FFr80) should bring the crowds back to the large firstfloor dining room. We had an exquisite terrine of leeks, excellent hure de saumon, and impeccable halibut with a light passionfruit sauce on our

recent tour of inspection. The industrious M Morville

is also responsible for the simpler-style cooking for the ground floor bar-brasserie from where you can watch the SeaCats and ferries plying to and from Boulogne. The At-

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The Atlantic's former chef and maître-d' from the good old days are at the Relais de la Brocante, fust inland a Wimille (tel: 010 33 21 83 19 31). Claude Janszen's cooking, which is light and delicate deliciously, has been recognised with a well-deserved Michelin star. The lunchtime menu is likely to be about FFr180. On the card, reckon about £35 a head, but it is well

worth it. On the other side of Boulogne, a couple of miles to-ward Paris, the Hostellerie de la Rivière at Pont-de-Bricques (010 33 21 32 22 81) is a restaurant with rooms which retains a Michelin star. The Martins, father and son, cook with gusto and Mme Martin has charge of the redecorated dining room.

My favourite restaurant in Boulogne is the unpretentious and tiny L'Huitrière, modestly installed behind a fish shop on Place Lorraine (010 33 21 31 35 27). If that is full, try La Liègoise at 10 Rue Monsigny. Chez Jules on Place Dalton. or the Restaurant des Pecheurs d'Étaples at 31 Grande Rue.





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ROSS Perot, the billionaire Texas businessman with his eye on the White House, has lost no time in turning to the media for succour and support.

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But Mr Perot is not stopping there. He is also negotiating with NBC to buy substantial amounts of television advertising time during the Summer Olympics in Barcelona. The network reportedly still has about \$80 million (£45 million) worth of time to sell during the Games, and the industry's insiders are saying they'd be only too happy to do a deal with him. So every time America wins a gold medal, will it be cut to Perot?

ARNOLD Schwarzenegger. whose career was launched by his biceps but sustained by his shrewdness, is on the brink of deciding his next major picture: but not without an eye to the

The Terminator is reportedly on the brink of making a romantic comedy called *The \$2 million Tip* for Tri-Star, if rewrites to the script work. The story is of a married traffic cop. to be played by Mr Schwarzenegger, who goes into a coffee shop and, when he finds he does not have enough money for the tip, gives the waitress half his lottery ticket.

Needless to say, the couple win, and fall in love, although history does not yet relate wheth-



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ungentlemanly act might not sit too kindly with Mr Schwarzenegger's political ambitions.

Perhaps that is why he has not finally committed himself to making the film. One of the alternatives is Last Action Hero, which apparently does not involve such moral niceties.



Brown: Wenner's target

WORD has it that Tina Brown. the current queen of American magazine editors, had better watch out. She has incurred the wrath of Jann Wenner, publisher of Rolling Stone magazine, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary as the prophet of the

rock and roll generation. In the June edition of Vanity Fair, the magazine she edits, Ms Brown published a fairly unflattering portrait of Mr Wenner which detailed among other failings, the publisher's alleged drug problems, extravagance and indolence.

Mr Wenner could apparently just about tolerate those allegations, but he drew the line at a story reported by the writer Stephen Schiff about the time Mr Wenner, while interviewing a well-known writer, excused himself for a moment, turned, and threw up into the wastepaper basket beside him.

The 46-year-old publisher is reported to be incensed by the story, which he insists is untrue. Perhaps he will take his revenge in the form of a critical profile of the British-born and educated Ms Brown in one of the early editions of Men's Journal, the magazine he is about to launch.

GEOFFREY WANSELL

# Dark doings in Ambridgrad

Soon, the radio soap opera will be alive, well, and

living in Russia. **Alice Thomson** 

reports on the BBC's latest steppe

bling apartment block in Moscow. An old babushka is sitting on the steps. Cut to plumber and his wife having an argument on the fourth floor, while a child screams.

This is not another documentary about urban deprivation in the former Soviet Union, but a typical scene from the latest new export from the West, the soap opera.

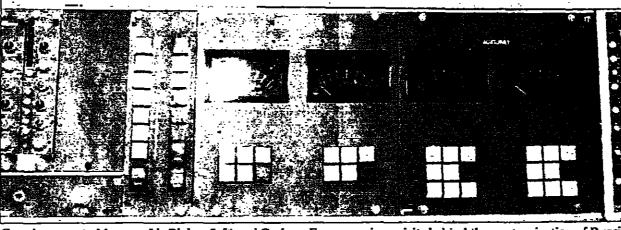
Next January, Russia's first radio soap will take to the air in two 15minute episodes a week. When The Archers began 40 years ago it was seen as a way of teaching farmers about modern herbicides and agriculture. Instead of farming, the Russian soap will take business as a main theme but, as with The Archers, the human elements will be the mainstay of the programme.

The still-unnamed programme comes from the BBC World Service, and is part of a project known as the Marshall Plan of the Mind. The brainchild of John Tusa, the World Service was a street of the Mind. World Service managing editor, it aims to airlift ideas, knowledge and skill into the former Soviet Union. "It will be in the vanguard of a package of financial programmes aimed to help people understand issues like privatisation, redundancy, business planning, freemarket prices and the black market this is capitalism, warts and all," says Corinna Furse, the project leader. The soap will discuss basic issues while teaching some of the skills of radio drama before they take over

The main problem so far has been finding writers. The Russians have never had a series, let alone a soap - only one show has ever run to two episodes, and that was back in the late 1970s - so trying to explain the concept proved almost impossible. In the end the editor of Echo Moscow, a new alternative station, suggested a group of six political satirists who might be able to work with the idea.

Liz Rigbey, consultant to the existing folk heroes and cartoon





Carrying soap to Moscow: Liz Rigbey (left) and Corinna Furse, moving spirits behind the westernisation of Russian listening habits

project, was ideally equipped for the task. Now a writer and presenter of Gardener's World, she was a former editor of The Archers. She spends five days a month in Moscow. Although Ms Rigbey wanted the writers to come up with the ideas, she had to steer them in the right direction. "There is a tradition of long-winded drama in Russia, while soap is quick and snappy. They wondered how you could have an argument in less than half an hour, thought that any play must have a definite ending and were baffled by the idea of the

cliff-hanging finish," she says.

But they learnt fast. By her second visit they had got the arguments down to three minutes. She left the writers to invent the characters, but they kept using pre-

characters, the Russian equivalents of Colonel Blimp, Popeve and Andy Capp. Eventually they settled on an initial cast of ten: an interfering babushka (grandmotherl: a plumber who is always drunk and his factory worker wife; a crusading journalist: a wealthy businessman with a shady past: a nervy intellectual and his wife; a student and an eternally optimistic entrepreneur. There may also be a Western character who tries to exploit them. Ms Rigbey hopes to find Russian actors by holding soap

workshops. She stresses that the theme is everyday Russian life, that she has no political message and is not trying to woo people to capitalism. "Soap is a very delicate mecha-nism," Ms Rigbey says. "You can't put too much weight on its back or a Russian editor and producer. The they will have no limits."

it will break." But she also wants to introduce the topics of racism, antisemitism. Aids, nationalism and black market racketeering into the

he new programme is un-likely to be inundated with letters complaining about too much sex and vialence. "Violence is everywhere. Westerners can't even travel in taxis any more because they are mugged so often," Ms Rigbey says. "My interpreter says that there is not much sex on state television, but they often discuss it. Their apartments are so cramped they can't be too squeamish. Abortion is a form

of contraception. If we want to be realistic we have to include it all." Ms Rigbey is already looking for

next stage will be finding the equipment to mount the show locally. The programme will also have a very tight three-week schedule: the situation in Russia is changing so quickly that the threemonth turn around British soans

enjoy would be foolish. I have become so attached to the programme I don't want to totally dissociate myself," Ms Rigbey says, "but it is their soap and it should

develop a character of its own.
"Every soap in Britain has to have some kind of morality. On The Archers the word listeners always used was 'come-uppance'. If a character behaved badly listeners expected them to suffer. But this, attitude doesn't exist in Russia. Everything there is in moral chaos. They can have more fun, because

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# EC in shock horror tabloid outrage

If some British newspapers are to be believed, the bureaucrats of Brussels are dangerously mad. Michael Dynes points

to the truth behind the headlines

ver since Britain joined the European Community in 1973, some British newspapers, particularly among the tabloids, have ridiculed European integration in a seemendless stream of stories made up of a potent cocktail of truth, half truth, and downright

Few newspapers have been in-hibited about highlighting the more absurd creations of EC policy. such as the bloated Common Agricultural Policy, or challenging the logic of European integration. as in the case of the Maastricht Treaty's designs for greater eco-nomic and political union.

But it is the European Commission's harmonisation proposals that have become the staple diet of this country's popular newspaper coverage of Europe, leading to headlines such as the Daily Star's in 1988 announcing a "1992 Euro shocker", and warning of, "Dearer clothes, food and power; our athletes to join Euro-team: our troops to take orders in German".

Commission officials in London and Brussels have often com-plained bitterly about what they regard as the lopsided way in which many tabloid journalists, and some of their broadsheet colleagues, cover EC issues, although few expect

the practice will change.
Indeed, since the BBC television series Yes Minister had a handful of unhinged Brussels bureaucrats attempting to rename the British sausage an "emulsified high-fat offal tube", the image of EC officials embarking on ridiculous interventions in the British way of

life has become part of folklore. Occasionally, however, there are

governing toy safety, for example. fears were expressed that the directive would prevent Oxfam from selling home-made toys because they would fail to meet the new ECwide health and safety standards. Most popular newspapers presented the story as being another EC intervention designed to undermine our traditional way of doing things. But few gave sufficient prominence to the universally acknowledged need to prevent the sale of toys made from toxic and

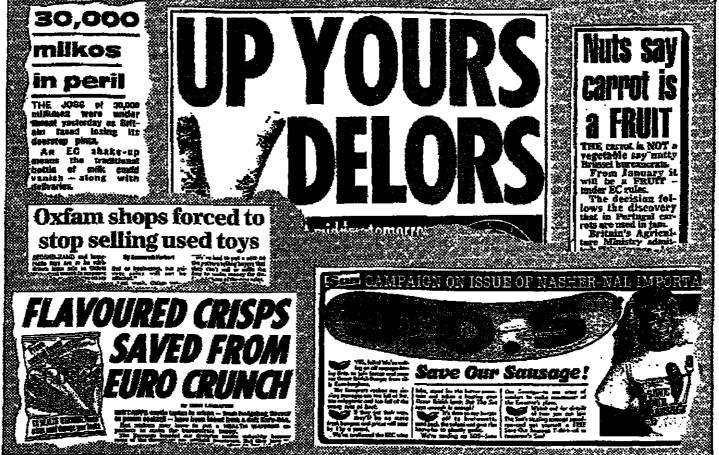
other dangerous substances.

More often than not, however, such stories are simply fallacious. Last year's rash of stories alleging that the commission was trying to prohibit the sale of prawn-fla-voured crisps provoked an uproar in Britain, the only country where they are sold, with headlines denouncing Martin Bangemann, the internal market commissioner as, The Sour Kraut Who Wants To Ban Our Crisps". .

But the claims were based on a somewhat warped interpretation of the facts. Because different countries use different additives in different products, the commission had drawn up a list of permissible food additives, so that a product sold in one member state could be sold in all others.

However, the British government had failed to include the particular additive needed to manufacture prawn-flavoured crisps in its submission to Brussels. Consequently, prawn-flavoured crisps could not be legally manufactured in the EC until the additive had been added to the list.

The oversight was the British government's, not the commission's. But that fact was not elements of truth to the image. In recorded, and few journalists were the case of the recent EC directive prepared to risk the wrath of their



Euro-horrors: the European Commission's bureaucracy, however well-intentioned, has given the British press a natural target

newsdesks by ignoring the old adage: "Never let the facts get in the way of a good story."

Much of the difficulty faced by

Brussels officials in getting what they would regard as less jaundiced coverage of EC affairs by the British press is a direct consequence of the tedious nature of a great deal of the commission's work, and the fact that it has been saddled, despite the widespread image to the contrary. with a comparatively open legislative process.

Since the landmark Cassis de Dijon ruling in 1979, which laid down that any product legally sold

in one member state can be legally sold in any other, the commission has been busy drawing up common EC standards to ensure that national regulations do not inhibit the free movement of goods and services across frontiers.

Moreover, following the decision to create a genuine single European market by the end of December this year, the commission was granted the authority to abandon its traditional approach to harmonisation, which required years of tortuous negotiations to arrive at a single product standard, in favour of a strategy based on selective

harmonisation where necessary and mutual recognition where possible.

Perhaps the classic British misunderstanding about the nature of the commission's drive for harmonisation occurred with the attempt to lay down common standards for lawn-mower noise emissions. The legislation was designed partly to meet British objections that its exports were being excluded from continental markets by specious noise emission standards. But, in the fertile minds of some British journalists, the story became a ludicrous tale about the

EC attempting to force the British to cut their lawns between noon and 2pm on Sundays.

Similarly, the introduction of tachographs in lorries, the infamous "spy-in-the-cab" designed to monitor the number of hours worked by drivers, was portrayed by many British newspapers as a conspiracy by Brussels officials to

carry out unnecessary surveillance. Rarely was it pointed out that increased pressure to improve road safety would have required the introduction of the monitoring device anyway, regardless of Britain's membership of the EC.

Likewise, the sale of French UHT milk was portrayed as a plot by Brussels to abolish the tradition of doorstep milk. In fact. Britain was facing legal action for illegally keeping French products off the market in this country. The scare stories were the work of the dairies. which feared that the market was about to be flooded by "alien" French long-life milk. But it was the newspapers which elevated the dairies' fears to the level of truth.

he habit of ridiculing the commission's endeavours is now so ingrained in the British press that Brussels is regularly held responsible for the work of other international standardisation bodies. It may be the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe which is responsible for drawing up a list of Eroutes (roads) in Europe, but it is the commission that is accused of unnecessary intervention.

Even attempts by "barmy Brussels bureaucrais" to make provision for the peculiarities of the EC's diverse national cultures usually backfires. During the drafting of a directive on jams, which was based on a list of fruits, it was discovered that the Portuguese make jam from carrots. Rather than prohibit an ancient practice. a carrot was defined as a fruit for the purposes of the directive - and the British press had a field day.

Critics of the commission's strutegy insist that harmonisation is unacceptable because of its "pernicious levelling". It should not be forgotten, however, that it was the national governments, not the commission, which set the drive for harmonisation in motion.

That process is unlikely to be finished when Britain inaugurates the single European market at midnight on December 31. The commission's attempt to forge 12 disparate markets into one will continue to provide the tabloids with plenty of ammunition with which they can continue to snipe at the mundane nuts and bolts of the single market.

# **Shaking off the image handicap**

new American tele-A vision advertisement for Levis jeans features a young man in a wheelchair performing "wheelies" and other complex manoeuvres with great exhilaration. Similar positive images of disabled people can be found in transatlantic commercials for Ford cars and McDonalds where a deaf couple communicate in sign language while enjoying

their hamburgers. The trend has pleased Dr Stephen Duckworth, the founder of Disability Matters and himself a wheelchair user. The companies are not doing this for altruistic reasons. It makes commercial sense for them. Fifteen per cent of the adult population both here and in the States are disabled.

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"There have been accusations of exploitation but I'd rather be exploited as an active consumer like everyone else than pitied as a passive object

An increasing number of Britain's 6.2 million people with disabilities share Dr Duckworth's annoyance and anger at the way they are portrayed in the media. "First there is the confusion of disability and illness so you get documentaries and articles about dramatic cures or medical advances," he says. "But these may only be relevant to a handful of people and anyway the general health of most disabled people is as good as that of anyone else.

"Then you get the charity image in which they are seen as tragic victims with a problem that makes them depenA new guide suggests that people with disabilities need a more understanding approach from the media

launched a guide on the

dent or there are these triumph over tragedy stories where somebody is a hero because they can carry out a normal daily activity like shopping while being a poor pathetic cripple." These notions of illness and

dependency not only affect employers' attitudes, making it harder to get a job and be economically independent, Dr Duckworth says, but they may

so that disabled people start thinking they are There is a polit-

ical movement now which argues that there is nothing wrong with us. we are as perfect as anyone else but we are disabled by our environment. The reason I cannot go on a bus is not because 1 cannot walk but because the bus is not de-

signed properly." The "cure". Dr Duckworth suggests, is to change the features of the environment and the attitudes that exclude the disabled either actively or passively so that others no longer feel shy or embarrassed but happy to be with them.

Dr Duckworth, whose management consultancy runs disprogrammes, is an associate of

the Employers' Forum on Disability which last week

subject aimed at broadcasters Funded by Telethon, whose producers and presenters will use it in the fund-raising marathon next month. Disability Etiquette includes advice on language and interviewing techniques as well as warnings about inap-

Filed away: but language problems persist

propriate behaviour and stereotyping. This includes the idea of disabled people as "eternal children, burdens on society and other individuals. marginal participants in community life and asexual beings incapable of achieving normal relationships".

Terminology here, as in other sensitive areas such as race or gender, remains a contentious issue. "Handicap"

as patronising."
The Matthew Trust, which campaigns for the rights of the

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Grand Metro-

its media awards

four years ago for

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television, radio or

the press. Mr Wild

says: "Look what

has happened with

women or ethnic minorities

over the past ten years. The

same should now be happen-

Nichola Lyon, who wrote the guide, says: "This is not

about political correctness or

people not liking the way they

are portrayed. If you are

constantly told someone is

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them it is very hard to behave

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mentally disordered in secure hospitals, also believes that certainly is, but is there a real scrupulous use of language by the media is vital. It has been difference between "the disabled" and "disabled people"? corresponding with executives Alan Wild, the employee at the BBC for nearly a year relations director at Grand about the description of Metropolitan and a member Broadmoor as a prison in a of the Forum, believes there is. news story "If you use the term 'the Peter Thompson, the Trust's

group of people who individ-1.700 patients in special hosually are as different as anyone pitals. If you call somewhere a else. The second term or the prison, the people in it are by phrase 'people with disabilities' focuses definition prisoners to be punished rather than patients to on the person rathbe treated. "Although the majority have er than the disabilitv. What we should celebrate is

been convicted of an offence. the act has been caused by their mental condition. I don't think it makes things easier for politan launched them. In fact once you get out it's probably better as far as society's concerned to have been a criminal rather than mentally ill. But it's a moral issue, it's a question of truth." Disabled people who think

be kind but it often comes over

director, says: "There are

they have been wronged by the media can complain directly to the organisation concerned. The Matthew Trust recently surveyed the system at 17 national newspapers by getting a woman with multiple sclerosis to telephone asking for the readers' ombudsman. Only at Today and The Independent was she directly successful. The Trust sent copies of its findings to the editors. He says: "I think things have improved since."

### Independents frozen out of the picture

The gloves are off in British television. The sale last week of British TV is coverage of football internationals to the strange bedfellows - BSkyB and the BBC — follows their capture freelance of the Premier League rights. These are the conse-

ences of the upheaval in the ecology of British television which many of us warned would follow the Broadcasting Act of 1990. But the shock and horror

expressed by ITV at these developments are inconsistent with their own behaviour towards independents. the only people supposed to have benefited from the upheaval.

Independent producers have been on the margins of British television, while the broadcasters had their own large-scale means of production. The arrival of Channel 4 as a publisher of independent work began inauspi ciously, with Jeremy Isaacs announcing even before he had the job that he expected independents to produce no more than 15 per cent of the

channel's programmes. That the independent sector came up with half the channel's output from the start surprised everyone. It led to an exodus of producers and technicians from

established broadcasters. The new independents were drawn by what they imagined to be a mix of creative freedom and economic rewards no longer available in existing structures. The BBC was threatened by political pressure from the government. ITV's advertising monopoly was under attack and revenues were falling in the recession. Both faced the unwelcome prospect of cable and satellite and Channel 5.

Channel 4 acting as a publisher appealed to the Thatcher government as a lean alternative to ITV's "last bastion of trade unionism", and to the BBC's bureaucracy. This coincided with the lobby by independents who felt unfairly frozen out by both broad-casters. The requirement that both ITV and BBC allot 25 per cent of their programmes to independents was written into law.

ince then they have treated the independent sector with the cautious welcome of prosperous neighbours to a hostel for young offenders. But it is the neighbours who are doing the stealing. Market forces have not

been kind to independents. Most programmes commissioned by ITV companies have been on terms weighted against the programme makers. Budgets have been The new age of

bad news for

producers

tight because they involve real cash, not the use of studio and staff already paid for. If the ITV company sold the programme on to the network for a larger sum it kept the difference.

Foreign sales offer independents no better deal. ITV, BBC and Channel 4 insist on the right to distribute programmes themselves. They keep up to 50 per cent of sales as commission and expenses. On programmes they have funded entirely the remaining 50 per cent is split 70-30 against the independent. Consistent with the values of the new age of British television, the ownership of copyright is also vested with the broadcaster, not those

who made the programme. ITV companies and independents have been locked in combat over these issues for several years, and the argument recently came to a

VIEWPOINT

Roger Graef



head in the proposals for the new Channel 3 network. Independents wanted direct access to the scheduler, whose role as a single commissioning editor for the network seemed a way around the onerous terms they previously faced. But the new compromise under review by the Office of Fair Trading - remains anti-competitive: they can offer programmes directly to the new scheduler but must make them in conjunction with one of the 15 franchise holders. On such programmes the franchise holders are enjoined not to make a profit, but the scale of their permitted "handling charge" is unclear.

One consequence of this battle has been to drive many independents into a corner, and some out of business. Two new ITV franchise holders intend to act by to survive.

as publishers, but plan to deal only with a few established independents. There are simply far too many companies and not enough

Meanwhile, uncertainty at the BBC about the future has left many commission-Channel 4 is toughening its already formidable terms of trade and keeping budgets

7 xecutives and comon salaries are seemmissioning editors ingly unaware of the debilitating effect of their hesitation on those whose creative energy they expect to draw on when the moment suits them. Many independents who had no previous experience as freelances simply were not pre-pared for the long gaps between jobs — psychologically or financially.

To tide them over, the only resources open to independents should be the value of their ideas and the possible resale of their finished programmes. American independents gained a solid foothold against the networks when the secondary market for their programmes was discovered. known as syndication, it involved "bicycling" prints and tapes to smaller sta-tions which used them as a cheap source of popular

The impression of American television as a hall of mirrors on which ancient shows such as I Love Lucy appear on a dozen channels is correct: repeats are the staple fare of both cable and terrestrial stations, thus eroding the networks's share. ITV plans to avoid a similar fate by controlling rights to British repeats for the next ten years, with an option for a further five. ITV sees this as a sensible move to avoid competing against its own programmes on rival channels.

programming.

Independents are furious: more revenue will be lost in the negative cause of defeating BSkyB and Channel 5. rather than being invested in other programmes.

Viewership in America has begun to decline. The same is happening in Britain. Most viewers are not willing to sit through endless repeats or identical copies of formulaic game shows and serials. The best way for ITV and the BBC to hold on to viewers is through a healthy supply of original and attractive programmes. That now depends on an independent sector with the confidence and security to plan ahead, and avoid playing safe mere-

### Its radicalism long gone, Time Out's success has proved evasive for other city magazines Listings without the sting

y most objective criteria it is an unqualified success. Although audited figures are not yet available. Time Out, the London fistings weekly, has been enjoying regular sales of more than 100,000 for the last three

There is not much resemblance, however, between today's fat professional product and the lively, fold-out poster "underground" magazine which Tony Ellion founded 24 years ago with a £70 loan from his aunt. And this evolution bodes poorly for the dozen or so Time Out wannabes in Britain's provincial cities. When Stephen Keane, the

editor of the rival City Limits, compares Time Out dismissively to a "telephone directory". Mr Ellion, aged 45. probably takes it as a compliment. The watchword in Time Out Publications has become information, in its rawest data

Mr Ellion wants to turn his company into an electronic publishing business which re-

packages its products for different media. By the end of the decade, he forecasts, subscribers will access information on the Time Out database by computer and phone.

The weekly magazine is now only part (albeit the largest part) of a global enterprise with an annual turnover of £12 million. Mr Ellion's strategy revolves around guides. Basic listings information can be recycled through a variety of Time Out publications. such as Eating and Drinking. Student Guide and Shops and Services. A London diary is planned for the autumn, while guides to the city are available from Filofax and the latest technology - on Sony Data Discman.

As well as London, Time Out publishes guides to Paris, New York, Barcelona and Amsterdam, where it is a shareholder in a listings magazine which sells 9,000 copies a month. Projects in the pipeline include more city guides and a new magazine for students of English as a Foreign Language (EFL).



Tony Elliott: plans to form an electronic listings empire

core product, the weekly magazine? John Morrish, who edited Time Out for two years until last February, wanted to boost news, to make Time Out into a crusading platform for London issues. My great disappointment was that I couldn't get anyone to buy covers with news. Even on subjects like dangerous food-

stuffs, they had to have a heavy

information bias." Mr Elliott makes no apologies for his direction. Time Out remains "the leading European city magazine, the best magazine of its kind in the world," he says. "If it is less hysterical about social and political issues, that is also true of society as a whole. Weekly articles about homeless people would not serve a lot of people. But if we didn't have them once in a while, it would be a

disaster. After enjoying a pre-emi-nent position in London for more than two decades, Time Out is at last attracting competition on its own terms from a

Where does this leave the revitalised City Limits. In other parts of Britain, city magazines have also travelled Time Out's path from iconoclastic radicalism to safe interviews with stars. But none has London's population base nor its range of attractions. Most are struggling. One of the best regarded.

the ten-year-old Venue, based

in Bristol and Bath, closed its Cardiff-based namesake last vear. Manchester's City Life. formerly owned by a cooperative, went into liquidation in 1989 but found salvation in the arms of the Guardian-owned Manchester Evening News, and now sells up to 16,000 copies a fortnight. In Edinburgh and Glasgow, The List. now seven years old, claims 12,000 sales a fortnight without being "a huge money earner". Regional attempts to attract much national advertising, however, look doomed unless the maga-

ANDREW LYCETT

zines, like Time Out, can shed

their alternative images.

# Executive class to law

ome years ago, a woman fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (ILEX) was acting for a pilot whose helicoptor had crashed at Biggin Hill in southeast London. At issue was whether the client had heard the radio operator reporting the presence in his vicinity of a light plane that did not have a radio.

This particular legal executive managed to wangle permission to sit in the cockpit of a plane as it came in to land. After listening to radio control and all the interference, she was able to brief counsel from her own experience about how difficult it was to hear everything that was said.

For those who want to obtain a professional qualification while in a paid job, the career of legal executive is one to consider. Employed mainly in solicitors' offices, government departments and legal departments of large organisations. legal executives do much the same sort of work as solicitors. However, a partner in the firm (who must be a solicitor) is ultimately responsible for any work undertaken on behalf of a client.

Although in some offices, particularly the smaller ones, legal executives deal with a variety of work, in general they tend to specialise in one particular aspect. This might be civil litigation, criminal litiga-tion, property transactions, debt collecting or matrimonial cases. The job involves getting out and The legal executive qualification opens the profession to non-graduates, as

Joan Llewelyn Owens reports

about as well as paperwork in the minimum of two years' part-time office. Often a lot of research is necessary, such as visiting the site of an accident Legal executives see clients, brief barristers, prepare documents and have limited rights of audience in the courts and in tribunals.

The minimum requirements for becoming a legal executive are four GCSE passes (grades A-C), including English. In 1989 an introductory stage of examination, the Preliminary Certificate in Legal Studies, was introduced for those who do not have the required Anyone with the required qualifi-

cations can take the examinations. A few full-time courses are available but most students attend part-time courses or pursue a home-study Part one of the membership examination provides an introduc-

tion to the legal system of England and Wales and covers essential law and practice encountered during the early years of employment. Part two of the exam provides an opportunity to specialise. Students have to pass four examination

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ment, including two consecutive years as a qualified member, and passing special examinations, legal executives may become fellows of From 1993, the only non-graduates eligible to train as solicitors will be fellows of the institute. ILEX's examinations count towards the academic stage of a solicitor's training. Fellows do not need to

undertake the two-year training

contract required of graduates.

study. At the age of 25, after at least

five years in qualifying employ-

revor Sterling, 25. is a fellow of the institute. employed by Rowley Ashworth, a firm of solici-Wimbledon, southwest London, where he deals mainly with personal injury accident compensation cases. After leaving school at 17 with four O levels, he found a job with Rowley Ashworth as an outdoor clerk, which meant that he was out of the office all day. issuing writs and summonses, ob-

taining appointments for hearings.

and so on. After a year, he assisted a legal executive in the office and then

persuaded the firm to let him train as a legal executive himself.

Given half a day off each week to attend classes, he successfully completed the institute membership examinations. "My ultimate goal is to become a solicitor," he says. "But before I can sit the solicitor's finals I have to do three examinations, to cover the subjects I did not choose as part of my fellowship examinations."

He studies at the weekend and in the evenings, and says that it is not an easy option. You are making decisions for people and a wrong decision can have a significant

His firm specialises in acting for people claiming compensation for work-related injuries. Clients are usually helped financially by their unions. Industrial accidents may involve defective machinery or claims of repetitive strain injury:

At any one time, Mr Sterling handles various stages of between 200 and 300 cases. For this, he has the support of a secretary and a court clerk, while assistants within the firm deal with certain interlocutory (pre-trial) aspects. He covers the south London area. "So far as this work is concerned, no distinction is made between legal executives and solicitors," he says, "I am supervised by a partner, but no more so than an assistant solicitor."

The Institute of Legal Executives.



Law track: Trevor Sterling, a fellow of the institute, is studying to fulfil his ambition to be a solicitor

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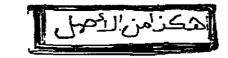
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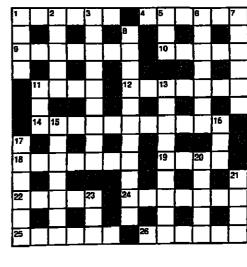
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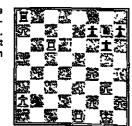
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regional news and weather (7289880) 12.05 Summer Scene. Caron Keating and Linda Mitchell present a new daily magazine, live from the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale.

Today's guests are Loyd Grossman, Cyndi Lauper and the Chippendales (8719170) 12.55 Regional news and weather (60126644) 1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (41354) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (59999267)

1.50 Working Titles. The series about the working aristocracy looks at Lady Victoria Leatham and the Countess of Mar (r) (682/4170) 2.20 Film: Soldier in the Rain (1963, b/w). Misconceived tragi-comedy starring Steve McQueen and Jackie Gleason as army sergea looking forward to their demob. With Tuesday Weld. Directed by Raiph Nelson (9701606) 3.45 Cartoon. Red and Blue (4041248)

3.50 Children's BBC: Just So Stories. Classic tales by Rudyard Kipling (4055441) 4.00 Chucklevision (r) (s) (2045373) 4.20 Watt on Earth. Science-fiction comedy thriller (r) (s) (7677985) 4.35 Pirates of Dark Water. Cartoon. (Ceefax) (4695354) 5.00 Newsround (6093151) 5.10 Activ-8. Sporting activities (9639354) 5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (433977). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (538)

6.30 Regional news magazines (118). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefac)

7.00 Noel's Addicts. Noel Edmonds meets an ardent Punch and Judy man and a couple who collect spiders. (Ceefax) (s) (9557)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (642)

8.00 Just Good Friends, John Sullivan's romantic cornedy series starring Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis (r). (Ceefax) (5977) 8.30 Crime Limited. Sue Cook and Nick Ross examine Scotland's policy on football crowd control, and present an update on the police beat

n Birkenhead. (Ceefax) (s) (7712) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news



Playing a waiting game: Tim Healy, Chris Haywood (9.30pm)

9.30 Boys from the Bush: Beasts and Beauty. Lively comedy-drama about Brits in Australia. Reg (Tim Healy) and Dennis (Chris Haywood) go undercover at a seaside hotel. (Ceefax) (s) (940977) 10.20 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes a review of Straight Talk, and a report from the set of Carry On Columbus. (s) (404644). Northern Ireland: The Ulster Orchestra (911625)

10.50 More Than a Game: Sold on Sport CHOICE: The most cogent evidence offered so far by this excellent series that sport is more than a game comes in tonight's edition which looks at the increasing role of money. Frank Williams head of the Formula One motor racing team, says: "Sports occurs on Sunday afternoons. For the other six and a half days of the week we are a business". Some 95 per cent of the team's income comes from sponsorship. The cars have become sandwich boards and so have the drivers. Nige! Mansell's race-day outfit advertises cameras, lager, cigarettes, a car manufacturer and an oil company. The film also looks at the operations of Mark McCommack, who helps to earn huge incomes for golfers and tennis players and, no doubt, for himself. Sebastian Coe and Jack Nicklaus, who both left the McCormack fold, voice their reservations (526506). Northern Ireland: 11.05 Film 92 with Barry Norman (542606); 11.35-

12.25am More than a Game (831335) 11.40 Private Eye. American drama series set in 1956 Los Angeles (827267) 12.30am Weather (1587132). Ends at 12.35 2.15 Executive Business Club (802861), Ends at 3.15

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8.00 News (1474170) 8.15 Westminster (6976606)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Watch (8209977) 9.15 Ghostwater (947996) 9.45 You and Me (8354098) 10.00 Sealiadh Is Seanchas (2807083) 10.15 Zig Zag (4578118) 10.35 Square One (r) (4682460) 11.00 Watch (1320354) 11.15 Q & A (2147538) 11.20 Japanese Language and People (8596101) 11.50 Landmarks Special Reports (4973847) 12.15 Greek Language and People (3196248) 12.40 Lernexpress (10430199) 12.55 Take Nobody's Word For It (r) (5535199) 1.20 Mr Benn (r) (72254977) 1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (62425354) 1.40 Landmarks (59911489)

2.00 News and weather (25489462) followed by You and Me (r) (69234314) 2.15 A Week to Remember (b/w). Newsreel from 1952 (r) (25878758)

2.25 The Locksmith's Art. A look at this skill through exhibits in the Victoria and Albert Museum (r) (30151037)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine for the deaf community. With signing and

subtitles (r) (151) 3.00 News and weather (9207170) followed by Westminster Live (5895731) 3.50 News and weather, regional news and weather

4.00 The Dating Game. The number of single people is increasing as a third of all marriages founder within five years. This programme looks at dating agencies (731)
4.30 Made by Hand. A candiemaker at work (r) (8793441)

4.40 Horizon: A Question of Sport. Revelations about a secret programme by the former East German regime to produce Olympic champions by giving athletes anabolic steroids (r). (Ceefax) (s)

5.30 Gardeners' World with Geoff Hamilton and Liz Rigbey (r) (267) 6.00 Film: We're No Angels (1955) Genial comedy in which three convicts escape from Devil's Island on Christmas eve 1895, and hide with a shopkeeper and his wife. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, Peter Ustinov, Leo G. Carroll and Joan Bennett. Directed by Michael Curtiz (53770199)

7.45 Assignment: Under the Volcano. Peter Godwin reports from the densely populated islands of Indonesia on an economically backward nation that is determined to gain world recognition and industrial clout (579373)

8.30 Red Dwarf IV: DNA. The hapless intergalactic crew discovers the ultimate in genetic engineering technology. (Ceefax) (s) (5354)

9.00 Quantum Leap: Rebel Without a Clue. Time-traveller Scott Bal-ula takes over the body of a 1950s hell-raising motor cyclist. (Ceefax) (s) (564422)



Stable mate: Luca Cumani loses his assistant (9.50pm)

9.50 The Racing Game: Moving On CHOICE: We learn tonight that while the Belmont Park course in New York stages horse-racing six times a week, Epsom has just eight days of racing a year. The statistics are not explained or embellished but they possibly relate to a consistent theme of this senes, that British racing is in the doldrums and the United States is the place to go. This final programme pulls together a number of threads. Christophe Clement, assistant to trainer Luca Cumani at Newmarket, decides to set up on his own. He naturally crosses the Atlantic, Burdened by value-added tax, Tattersalls threatened to take its bloodstock sales to Ireland. A troubled year for British racing comes to an end with no one able to make a decent living out it. The Racing Game has been illuminating, but it could sometimes have done with a sharper edge. (Ceefax) (s) (296793) 10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock and Sue Cameron (535489)

11.15 The Late Show. Ray Snoddy, media editor of The Financial Times, talks about the future of British broadcasting (499373) 11.55 Weather (303199)

12.00 Open University: Toulouse — Money and Power in Provincial France (29478). Ends at 12.30am

6.00 TV-am /1986847 9.25 Cross Wits (6569354) 9.55 Thames News (1289151)

10.00 Out of This World. American cornedy series (r) (99462) 10.30 This Morning. Maggie Philant investigates consumer matters and Anne Ashworth gives financial advice. Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, and at 11.55 Thames News (48452996). 12.10 Playbox. Last in the early learning senes (r) is) (4214737)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. :Cracie) V. Sather (6682 199) 1.10 Thames News 62110538

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Cracle) (18275083) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (68244538)
2.20 The Full Treatment. The health and fitness magazine examines

ways of curing pain. The guest is boxer Frank Bruno (97227170) 2.50 Families (s; (7784828: 3.15 ITN News neadlines (9224847) 3.20 Thames News (92 (4460) 3.25 The Young Doctors, Hospital drama (3101793)

3.55 Children's ITV: Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Cartoon anyentures (4049880) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales (4557644) 4.30 Streetwise. Final episode of the drama series about bicycle couriers. (Oracle) (441) 5.00 Cartoon Time (6028847)

5.10 Blockbusters General knowledge quar (1699070)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (795354) 5.55 Thames Help with Jackie Spreckley (r) (578267) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (606)

6.30 Thames News (Oracle) (285)
7.00 Emmerdale (Oracle) (4625)
7.30 Nature Watch Jusian Pettifer travels to the Bahamas where he learns that sharks do not warrant their fearsome reputation.

8.00 The Bill: Prisoners. Sg: Boyden (Tony O'Callaghan) and PC Hollis (Jeff Stewart) take the right shift at Sun Hili. (Oracle) (3373)



Joker in the pacic comic Tony Gerrard, centre (8.30pm)

8.30 The Comedians

 CHOICE: Television is suddenly bursting with stand-up comics. First came (TV's Only Joking, in which the gags were told by members of the public. The idea was taken up by the BBC with Joker in the Pack. Now it is the turn of the professionals with a revival of the show from the 1970s which helped to launch Frank Carson, Bernard Manning and Mike Reid. The formula is unchanged and comprises a non-stop torrent of jokes from a team of comics, slickly edited and helped along by a receptive audience. There is plenty of promise on view tonight, not least from Tony Gerrard who fires off his one-liners from a wheelchair. Some of the best timing comes from Eddie Colinton, who is built like Les Dawson and has a similarly lugubrious style. It may be a sign of the times that sexist jokes are out and jokes about sex very much in (2880)

9.00 The Guilty. Second part of Simon Burke's thriller starring Michael

Kitchen as an odious lawyer. (Oracle) (2977) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (65373) 10.30 Thames News

(106828) 10.40 The Guilty. Concluding part of the drama. (Oracle) (s) (273002) 1.40 European Football Championship. A preview of tomorrow's match, live on TV at 7pm, between host nation Sweden and France.

Elton Welsby introduces the team who will provide expert analyse and commentary throughout the tournament (812335)

12.30am Video View. A horror slot, featuring Wes Craven's People from Under the Stairs, The Addams Family and The Munsters (69720)

1.30 The Equalizer. Starring Edward Woodward (r) (54107)
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to black Americans who are victimised by their own race (3284774)

3.20 Nite Bites. Late-night snacks (95282010) 3.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (32403) 4.30 Rodeo Red and the Runaway. A young girl runs away from home

and meets a former rodeo horse and its owner (84836) 5.30 ITN Morning News (13861). Ends at 6.00

**CHANNEL 4** 

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (1908489) 9.25 Schools (84125996) 12.00 The Parliament Programme Political update (62.286)

12.30 Business Daily City analysis (81809) 1.00 Sesames Street. The guest is actor Robin Williams (r) (79064)
2.00 Film: I Dood It! (1943, b/w). Tedious carried with music starting Red Sketton and Eleanor Powell. A tailor's assistant falls in love with a Hollywood actress, who marries him to spite her boytiend Directed by Vincenti Minnelii (2118)

4.00 The Food File: Freshen Up Drew Smith examines the quality of iresh food (r). (Teletext) (199)

4.30 Fifteen to One. William G. Stewart hosts the quick-fire quiz (s)

5.00 Pushing the Limits: Sky Boogie. Daredevil parachute jumps, including free-fall, hight-jumping and formation-building (r) (5731) 5.30 Beat That, Mik Scarlet challenges young people to a game of knights and castles in Nottingham (335) 6.00 Treasure Hunt Annabel Croft's aerial quest takes her to Lancashire

(r). (Ceefax) (99828) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) Weather (620170)

7.50 Comment. A personal opinion (\$39460) 8.00 How to Save the Earth: How Much is Enough? Jonathon Pornit presents the final programme about environmental campaigners. Carmen Leyte advises on family planning in Mexico, and American Vicki Robin challenges the belief that material wealth equals happiness. (Teletext) (s) (1915)

8.30 Fat Man in Argentina. Tom Vernon's bicycle journey takes him to Patagonia (r). (Teletext) (2462)



A plea for artistic excellence: Harrison Birtwistle (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: Running Down the Mountain

© CHOICE: The contention of this programme is that art needs to be rescued from a pluralistic idea of culture that places, say, an opera on the same level as advertisements or designer clothes Making a plea for a return to artistic excellence, which they maintain need not be the same as elitism, are the composer Harrison Birtwistle, novelist lain Sinclair and painter Sonia Boyce. A parallel and connected theme is that during the 1980s, the ultimate criterion for art was not its intrinsic value but its ability to attract sponsorship, be cost-efficient and compete in the market place. The above summary may suggest a rigour and consistency that the discussion does not possess. The contributors do not always stick to the main points or argue along the same lines. But it is a worthwhile attempt to tackle an important debate (857644)

9.45 Short and Curlies: The Universe of Dermot Finn. Philip Ridley wrote and directed this short drama about a young man's terrifying introduction to his girlfriend's family. With Warren Saire and Elizabeth Morton (r) (231625)

10.00 Film: Portion d'éternité (1989) Robert Favreau's thoughtful drama continues the Cinema Canada season. Daruelle Prouix and Marc Messier play a couple in their thirties who turn to medical science when they are unable to conceive a child. In French with English subtitles. (Teletext) (s) (220248) 11.45 Empty Nest. American comedy series (r) (469793) 12.15amThe Schoenberg Cycle. The Schoenberg Quartet performs the

String Trio, Op 45 (s) (9220923)

12.40 Film: Vanessa, Her Love Story (1935, b/w) Creaky romantic drama about a woman who falls in love with a gypsy when her husband becomes mentally unstable. Starring Helen Hayes, Robert Montgomery and Otto Kruger Directed by William K Howard

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8.00 Narrow Margin (1990): Thiller about a district attorney who tries to protect his star witness on a train (70/731) 10.00 Delta Force 2 (1990): Chuck Norns leads his brigade on a new mission in Latin. America (8868,28) America (630028)
11.50 Phantom of the Opera (1989): A
teenage singer goes bach in time (688642)
1.30am Firestarter (1972): A child discovers
she can set anything aight (405045)
4.00 Nuns on the Run (1990): Two robbers
disguise themselves (31403): Ends at 6.00

aller telling the truth? (17031151)

3.20 Hardcover (1989): A woman's right-mans seem real (3318359). Ends at 4.50am THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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 Via the Astra satellite.
 8.00am Rhythmic Gymnastics (15489) 10.00
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1498422) 11.15 St Ekewhere (171768) 12.05am Late News (1496381)

### RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Bizet (Jeux d'Enfants); Rachmaninov (Two Pieces for pano, sw hands); Pergolesi (Sinfonia for cello

and continuo) 7.30 News and continuo) 7-30 News
7-35 Morning Concert (cont):
Stravnsky (Concerto in E flat,
Dumbarton Oaks); Glinka
(Kamarinskayat; Cui (Prelude,
Op 64 No 9 in Et; D'Indy
(Sarabande and Minuet),
Tailleferre (Prano Trio)

8.35 Composers of the Week: i Composers of the Week: Frederick Delas, (Eventyr: Royal Liverpool PO under Charles Groves; To Be Sung of a Summer Night on the Water: BBC Singers under Simon Joly, Vernon Kirk, tenor: Intermezzo, Fernimore and Gerda: Royal PO under Thomas Reacham: The Song of Thomas Reacham: Thomas Beecham: The Song of the High Hills. Ambrosan

Singers, RPO under Enc Fenby 9.35 Morning Sequence: Naumann (Overture, Cora: Concerto Köln); arr Terkelsen (Three Songs: Ulrik Cold, bass, Kristian Buhl-Mortensen, lute), Nielsen (Three Madrigals: Cantus Colin. Konrad Cantis Coin, Korran Junghane, Jutei; Naumann (Harpsichord Concerto in B flat: Concerto Köln, Gerald Hambitzer); Pederson (Ad te levavi; Laudate Dominum: Ar Nova under Bo Hohen); Rom-(Drottmiopholmmusik: (Drottningholmmusik: Concerto Köln); Bellman (Four Songs: Ulni: Cold, Kristian Buhl-Mortensen); Kraus

(Symphony in C minor. Concerto Koln) 11.15 BBC SO under Andrew Davis. performs Strauss (Don Juan), Prokofiev (Phano Concerto No 5. Boris Berman); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica) 1.00 News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert:

Philip Langridge, tenor, Elizabeth Harley, mezzo, Radoslav Kvapil, piano, Alson Wells, soprano, Susan Flannery and Margaret Maguire, mezzos, perform Dvoial Pearter Trans Extruser Co. 95 mezzos, perform Dvoral (Poetic Tone Pictures, Cp 95 Nos 4, 6 and 12); Janácek (The Diary of the One Who Disappeared) 2.00 Music Weeldy.fr) 2.40 Ulster Orchestra under Nicholas Braithwatte performs Saeverud (Peer Gynt, modental music, Op 28); Wiren (Serenade for Strings, Op 11); Hurlstone (Fantasy Variations on a Swedish Air)

4.30 Manchester Summer Recitel
1992: The Apollo Saxophone
Quartet performs: arr Apollo
Saxophone Quartet (Two saxophone Quartet (Two Bulgarian Folksongs); Petar Lyondev (Kaval Svini; Nikolai Kaufman (Dve Tourlacki Pesen); Tristan Keuris (Music for Sakophones); Dave Liebman (The Grey Convoy); Michael Ball (Serenade for Seikllos); Jean Rivier (Grave et prestol

subsequently acquired by Uszr During the London Classical Players' concert, Melvyn Tan will sit at the venerated keyboard to play its first owner's Piano Concerto No.3 A less sympathetic voice will emerge from the instrument during the interval (8.30) when John Hart-Dyl e, as the when John Hart-Dyke, as the Broadwood, will berate Beeth-wen for being certainly the worst player ever to attack its delicate framework Framing the piano concerto toright are Haydn's symphonies Nos 44 and 103 Roger Normgton conducts 9.20 Drama Now: Terminal, A psychological romance written by James Mayor

by lames Mavor

10.20 Rachmaninov's Vespers,
performed by the USSR
Ministry of Culture Chamber
Choir under Valery Polyanksy
(r) 11.30 News

Dances Op 46 Nos 4, 5 and 8 Serenade in E for strings, Op 22: Slavonic Dances, Op 72 Nos 1 and 7! (r) 1.00-2.25am Night School (Except in Scotland) (As broadcast this

morning on RS)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today,
Ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.45 Business News
6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.40 Yesterday in
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9.00 News 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 071-580 4411

10.00-10.30 The Secret Diary of a Tax Collector (FM only) Tax Collector (FM only)

CHOICE. The title is a bit of a con trick it is as immaterial that Stella Bayis works for the Inland Revenue as it would be if she were a traffic warden. Also, her diary can't be all that secret or she wouldn't be shaming it with the whole nation. Now that you know what the senes isn't about, you'll want to know what it is about. Briefly, it describes Bayis's gruelling weekend spent skiming and eating rabbits and sloshing through thick mud so that she can

rabbits and sloshing through thick, mud so that she can qualify for an Operation Raleigh expedition into the Patagonian rain-forest 10.00 Daily Service (LW only): Rome Pilgirmage A service hold in Basilica di San Paolo 10.15 The Bible (LW only). John read by Tony Britton (6 of 10) 10.30 Woman's Hour Interviews Lois Greenfeld about dance

photography, discusses mermaids and talks to disabl people about coping with children Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Medicine Now Geoff Watts investigates the medical

groups 12.00 You and Yours, with Margaret Collins
12.25pm Looking Forward to the
Past Historical chat with Robert Booth and Helena Kennedy, Frances Edmonds, Manna Warner and Chris Stuart (s) 12,55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre Shooting for the Stars by Dave Sheasby Mr Whittaker teaches

large bet and a star pup Nigel Anthony plays Mr Whittaker with Lucia Laratoneda as the pupil (s)

2.30 Richard Baker Compares
Notes, with carilloneur Ronad
Leith (s)

3.00 Separate (Compare) 3.00 Soundtrack (FM only) If I Could Talk to the Animals People and the animals the

history in one day he loses a

People and the animals they visit at London Zoo (s) (r)

3.42-4.00 RSVP (FM only).

Matthew Parns investigates letters that have no replies. This week, a letter Van Gogh wrote to his brother but never sent. It was found on tis body after his suicide

3.00 Prime Minister's Question Time (LW only). Time (LW only)

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope, Reviews the new James Joyce biography. visits the Joyce Symposium in Dublin and reviews The Flying Dutchman at the Royal Opera House
4.45 Short Story: Silver
5.00 PM, with Valene Singleton and
Frank Partndge 5.50 Shipping
Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Killing Orders: Kathleen
Turner stars as VI. Warshawsh
in the final part of Micheline
Wandor's dramatisation of
Sara Paretsky's novel (s) tr)
7.00 News 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)

7.20-8.00 File on Four (FM only)
7.20-8.00 File on Four (FM only)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only)
8.00 Science Now, with Alun Levie
8.30 On the Cusp Norech 8.30 On the Cusp: Norech
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Alexander, a wealthy socialle
living in South Africa, about
her home and lifestive
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope is) (r)
9.45 The Financial World
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Tonight, with Mark Gregory 10.00 The World Tonight, With Alexander MacLeod (5)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime Piche at 10.45 A Book at Bedtime Picnt 3: Hanging Rock by loan Link#, read by Lsa Harrow (7) 11.00 The Radio Programme (\*) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, not 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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SKY MOVIES+ ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites, 6.00am Sky Movies Plus Showcase (3734083) 10.00 Fatal Judgment (1988). Tom Contiderends a nurse accused of murder (49847)



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6.15am The Tender Trap (1955): Snatra plays a phandening bachelor (640236)
8.15 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983) A baby dragon is confused (948170)
9.45 The Inn of the Shitti Happiness (1958): Ingrid Bergman as the English servant gri who becomes a missionary (63461606)
12.25pm Bloodhounds of Broadway (1990) A force set in New York on New (1990).

1989). A farce set in New York on New Year's eve in 1928 (565731)
2.15 Bionic Showdown (1989): A new adventure for the expensive man (440,44)
4.15 Minja, The Wonder Boy (1985): Animated adventure (9724.21)
6.15 Lady in a Cormer (1989) An extor tines to prevent a taleover (88323489)
8.05 Mister Prost (1990). Is a captured senal letter telling the runty (17031151)

12.00 Silence of the North (1981): A woman survives in the wilderness (74118) 2.00pm Come Next Spring (1956): A main must prove he has reformed (55-22) 4.00 Home Sweet Homeless (1989): A Family been in the care (20002): A William Morning Stretch (5368) 7.00 Super Trax (45354) 8.00 Motor World (20335) 8.30 William Stretch (5368) 7.00 Super William Stretch (5368) 7.00 Super Stretch family lives in their car (40002)

5.00 Juvi Susan becomes difficult after her lather dies (4888)

6.00 Fatal Judgment (as 10am) (20477773)

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**EUROSPORT** 

SCREENSPORT

 Via the Astra Satellite.
 10.00am Getting Rt (16118) 10.30 Jokes
 Wild (1404828) 10.55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Farnous (6716996) 11.20 Body Talli (1622890) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (8680064) 11.50 Sally Jessy Raphael (5046354) 12.45pm Lunchbox (497441) 415 The Thomas Share (287441) 3.05 (504-354) 12.45pm Linchbox (497-44); L15 The Joan Rivers Show (328244); 2.05 Rafferty's Rules (1664-606) 3.05 Sell-a-Vision (4421644) 3.30 Cover Story (4151) 4.00 Tea Break (5647422) 4.13 WKRP in Cincinnati (3154947) 4.40 Jackpot (5325064) 5.00 Sell-a-Vision (5267) 5.30 Sell-a-Vision (3422) 6.00 Remington Sreele (760021 7.00 Sell-a-Vision (759151) 10.00 Music Videos (581170) 2.00-3.00am Last Dance (70010)

 Via the Astra satellite.
 Twenty-four hour news bulleting RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brooke (FM only) with The Early Breakfast Show 6.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Simon Rates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12,45 Jakis Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Sessin 9.00 Elvis Costello, the second of a four part begraphy. Rat Down on the Accelerator (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell. Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harns (FM only)

PM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Bnan Hayes: Good Morning UK' 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruze 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Greenwood 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 They Called Me Al Roy Hudd Jelb the story of Al Bowlly (7.30 Chris Shant's Phano Parlour 8.00 Ian Wallace Presents "Nothing Quite Like it" 9.00 Billy Mayerl. The Mangold Man, written and presented by Steve Race with the 8BC Concert Orchestra under Michael Reed, Johathan Cohen, piano. David Mattinson, bantone 10.00 Radio 2 Concert Bandstand 10.30 The Jamesons 22.05am Jazz Parade, Digby Fairweather talks to Arbe Shaw 12.35 Res

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RADIO 5

Revision and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am Vibrid Service Newshour 6.30 Damy Baker's Morning Edution 9.00 For Schools. See Move 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker, with the AM Alternative 12.30pm in House 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ftr 1.30 BFBS Worldwide 2.30 Sportsbeat, with Ross King and ternis from the Stella Artoc Champiornups and the Dow Classic 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 The Chocolate Touch, by Patrick Siène Cading (2) 7.30 Home from Home: Final part of the Black Country drams by Susan Price (final part) (r) 8.00 Popcall 9.15 The Olympic Years 1968 Mexico and Grenoble Itr) 10.10 Earshot, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News Sport All time in BST. 4.30am A Small Matter of

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WORLD SERVICE

All time in BST, 4.30am A Small Matter of Taste 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.65

Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59

Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londers Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News about Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 McCartney at 50 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 The Olympians 9.00 World News 9.09 Worlds of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 An A-2 of Rock and Pop 10.30 The Learning World 70.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Excovery 11.30 Tips Learning World News 1.09 News about Britain 1.15 Multrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: An Occasion for Londing 3.45 Turning a Tune: Music Making in treland 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 5.30 Londers Matter 5.00 World News 9.05 Vorld Rusiness Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Neural Artuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.15 BBC English 5.30 Londers Sort 6.14 Look Alhead 6.20 World Rusiness Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Neural Artuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 World News 11.05 News About Britain 11.15 Megazius 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05 News Shout Britain 11.15 Megazius 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Newsdesk 3.30 Development 92 4.00 World News 4.05 World News 4.05 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Newsdesk 3.30 Development 92 4.00 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Newsdesk 3.30 Development 92 4.00 World News 4.05 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 World Newsdesk 3.30 Development 92 4.00 World News 4.05 World

### **VARIATIONS ANGLIA**

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3,40 Arranged by the Composer:
Bartók (Sunte, Op 4bi); Ravel
(Rapsodie Espagnole): Richard
McMahon and Martin Jones, piano (r)

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5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
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